## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

E and K, Inc., : t/a Champion Kitchen :

7730 Georgia Avenue NW : Protest Retailer CR - ANC 4A : Hearing

Retailer CR - ANC 4A : License No. 103055 : Case #19-PRO-00051 :

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(Application to Renew : the License) :

Wednesday October 2, 2019

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

RAIF ALIYA CROCKETT, Member

BOBBY CATO, JR., Member

JAMES SHORT, Member

REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

## ALSO PRESENT:

ANDREW KLINE, COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT
SIDON YOHANNES, COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT
EYOB WORKU, APPLICANT

DMITIRI CHEKALDIN

NAIMA JEFFERSON, PROTESTANT

PAULA EDWARDS, PROTESTANT

CARL BERGMAN, PROTESTANT

INVESTIGATOR JOVAN MILLER, DC ABRA

ANNETTE YOUNG, WITNESS FOR THE APPLICANT

DAVID ANDREWS, WITNESS FOR THE APPLICANT

THURMAN BAKER, WITNESS FOR THE APPLICANT

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	4:42 p.m.
3	CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right, we're
4	back on the record. I apologize for the
5	tardiness. Our next case is a protest hearing,
6	Case No. 19-PRO-00051, Champion Kitchen, License
7	No. 103055, an application to renew a license.
8	Will the parties please approach and
9	identify themselves for the record, please?
10	And there's also a sign-in sheet, so
11	I would like everyone to sign in on the sign-in
12	sheet.
13	So we'll start with the licensee.
14	MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes, I'm
15	here on behalf of the licensee as counsel.
16	MR. KLINE: Andrew Kline from the
17	Veritas Law Firm here on behalf of the licensee.
18	MR. WORKU: Eyob Worku, I'm the owner
19	of Champion Kitchen.
20	CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry; I
21	didn't hear your last name, sir?
22	MR. WORKU: Eyob Worku. W-O-R-K-U.
23	CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Worku?
24	MR. WORKU: Yes.
25	CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Good afternoon,

1 sir. The protestant? 2 MS. JEFFERSON: Naima Jefferson, 3 President, Shepherd Park Citizen's Association. CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Ms. Jefferson. 4 5 MR. BERGMAN: Carl Bergman, Vice President, Shepherd Park Citizen's Association. 6 7 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Bergman. 8 MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards, Treasurer 9 of Shepherd Park Citizen's Association. 10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Edwards, good 11 afternoon. 12 Good afternoon, everyone. We have a 13 protest hearing this afternoon and prior to us 14 starting the -- all right -- hold on. 15 Yes, good afternoon. Thanks for being 16 here today. We have a protest hearing and it 17 appears that I always support settlements. Because that's one of the things I've always 18 19 stated, this is your community, you can determine 20 what does or does not work for your community. 21 So are there any terms that the parties would 22 like the board to memorialize so we can have an 23 agreement that we can memorialize an order or 24 that the parties have negotiated and they don't

believe that it can be settled, so they want to

move forward with the hearing. 1 MS. JEFFERSON: We would like to move 2 3 forward. CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. 4 It's 5 my understanding some motions were filed, so on the board we'll rule on the motions prior to the 6 7 hearing. So I guess are there any preliminary 8 issues, and we can start off with the motions 9 that were filed by the protestant. 10 MS. JEFFERSON: Chair Anderson, I just 11 admitted the motion to exclude witnesses from 12 hearing testimony of other witnesses, or the 13 applicant. 14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, this is a 15 protest hearing and I'm not quite sure if in a 16 protest hearing that's something that we do. 17 MS. YOHANNES: I'm happy to do a rule 18 on witnesses. 19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry? I'd be happy to do a 20 MS. YOHANNES: 21 rule on witnesses or to request a rule on 22 witnesses. 23 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: But before we even 24 start the case we're going to do the preliminary 25 arguments, so are you saying that you want us to

	rule on witnesses prior to even doing
2	preliminaries?
3	MS. YOHANNES: What I was saying was
4	I submitted another motion so that when witnesses
5	testify, other witnesses don't hear the
6	testimony.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I
8	wasn't aware of that. So you're saying there's a
9	new motion that follows, a first motion?
10	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so who
12	are the witnesses? All right, as preliminary
13	matters how many witnesses do we have from the
14	applicant?
15	MS. YOHANNES: Three.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are the
17	three witnesses from the applicant?
18	MS. YOHANNES: It will be Eyob Worku,
19	Theodore Baker, and Annette oh, it's actually
20	four, sorry.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are they?
22	MS. YOHANNES: David.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: David who?
24	MS. YOHANNES: It would be David
25	Andrews and Annette Young.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: David Andrews.
2	And who's the last I'm sorry; who's the?
3	MS. YOHANNES: Annette Young.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those are all
5	the witnesses for the applicant. What about the
6	protestant; who are the witnesses for the
7	protestant?
8	MS. JEFFERSON: The designated
9	representatives are also witnesses.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are they?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: Myself, Naima
12	Jefferson, President of Shepherd Park Citizen's
13	Association; Carl Bergman, Vice President,
14	Shepherd Park Citizen's Association; and Paula
15	Edwards, Treasurer of the Shepherd Park Citizen's
16	Association.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: One of the preliminary
19	motions
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're just
21	dealing with the witnesses. Who else are the
22	witnesses?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: That's it.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well yes,
25	yes.

MS. YOHANNES: I also have not seen 1 2 this motion that you're referring to. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I've not 4 seen it so much. She's making an oral motion, 5 which she can make an oral motion, so. MS. YOHANNES: 6 Okay. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the motion is that for other witnesses who can testify 8 9 should not be here, but it's then since the 10 protestant has identified Ms. Jefferson, Mr. 11 Bergman and Ms. Edwards as designated 12 representatives, meaning that they're not asking 13 those witnesses to be excluded. So we're saying those witnesses will remain in the room. 14 I'm 15 asking. I'm asking that when 16 MS. JEFFERSON: 17 the applicant calls their witness, that their other witnesses are not in the room. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But that's also 20 applicable for your side, too. 21 MS. JEFFERSON: Well, we're designated 22 representatives. We can't --23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you're 24 calling three witnesses and the three witnesses 25 that you're calling are designated

representatives. Therefore, all you're trying to do is to exclude the applicant's witnesses, but you're not excluding your witnesses. I'm not going to allow you to have three designated representatives for this case, because I think that -- so if we're going to rule on a motion, then --

MS. JEFFERSON: So I'll withdraw the motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
That's fine, motion withdrawn.

All right, what other motion do you have on the table that needs to be addressed?

Yes, I think you filed some other motion. What was the motion?

MS. JEFFERSON: There was a motion to dismiss because of the application.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is -- the motions were filed late. I have not necessarily -- some were and some weren't -- okay, so I have not necessarily seen. So I need to make the oral motion, the motion is I'll have arguments and the motions that were filed by you. Some of the motions, the protests -- I'm sorry, the licensee saw it in opposition. So I need both sides to

state what the motions are and the objection and the board will issue a ruling here whether or not we're going to agree with the motion.

MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So because we have that, we have not made a decision on the motion. We'll make a motion here today. So you can let us know; you can raise the motion -- so the first motion that you're raising now is which one?

MS. JEFFERSON: Is the motion to dismiss and our motion that we submitted we assert that the applicant filed and executed a knowingly false renewal application in violation of the District of Columbia Code 25-401C which renders him unfit for licensing. The basis of our argument is that on the form he verified it by affidavit and the number that it has on the form for the occupancy is 44, when in fact the real occupancy is 55 with a total of 89.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the gist of your motion is you're saying that the information that they provided the wrong numbers?

MS. JEFFERSON: That is correct.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so the

board should dismiss because based on the numbers?

MS. JEFFERSON: Well, not based on the number because it was filed knowingly that it was false. He knew the number was not correct. The board had already ruled on this issue before about the change in --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what are the numbers, because I don't know the facts? That's why I needed to flesh out -- I mean, tell me what the motion is. I'm going to have the licensee respond. I know that they filed a written response, but I'm going to ask them to tell us their response to this motion.

MS. JEFFERSON: Do you want me to just read what I wrote?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Whatever way it is. I mean, we have to make a ruling, so you can tell us the motion --

MS. JEFFERSON: I'll state the facts. In August of 2008 Veritas Law Firm on behalf of Champion Kitchen sent a letter to the board regarding an increase in occupancy in the establishment. In response to that August letter the Shepherd Park Citizen's Association sent a

letter to the board on November 5th of 2018 and noted several material facts; Champion Kitchen's own license and its accompanying landlord affidavit that was received by ABRA on May 17th, 2016 lists both a maximum number of seats 44 and a total occupancy load of 44. This application was the basis for Champion Kitchen's current license, ABRA 103055 which was approved by the board in Order No. 2017-56 on February the 1st, The license and the settlement agreement 2017. of 44 seats is consistent with the certificate of occupancy that was issued in October of 2011 by Champion Kitchen on its own volition after DCRA. getting the ABRA license, applied for an increase in its certificate of occupancy and received approval from DCRA for an increase in that certificate of occupancy in or around June of 2017. That certificate of occupancy was 55 seats and a total occupancy of 89. This was more than three months after the board approved the order granting the license and the settlement agreement. And we argue that Champion Kitchen waived its rights with regard to reconsideration from the board.

Mr. Eyob repeatedly requested from the

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SPCA to amend our settlement agreement to
increase the occupancy. The SPCA's rejection of
Mr. Worku's request for an increase was
memorialized in August 3rd, 2017 letter that was
sent from the SPCA to Mr. Worku on behalf of
Champion Kitchen. On November 7th of 2018 the
board issued Order No. 2018-688 which affirmed
the plain language of the settlement agreement
which limits the premises to 44 persons and
denies a substantial change. Despite the
aforementioned board order, No. 2018-88, all of
the other communication regarding the occupancy
of the premises, Champion Kitchen made no effort
whatsoever to amend its certificate of occupancy
to be in line with what the board had approved.
The SPCA requested the board take administrative
notice that Champion Kitchen's renewal
application which was filed on March 18th of 2019
and it was accepted March 30th of 2019, Question
No. 6 on the renewal application asks the
following: CFO capacity, Mr. Worku has 44 on
there; Question No. 16 of the renewal application
requires the applicant certify the following: I
hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the
information in this renewal application is true

and correct. I also certify that the above named applicant is the true and actual owner of the business. That certification was signed by Mr. Worku and notarized. Furthermore, on June 21st of 2017, the certificate of occupancy lists 55 seats for a fast food establishment, not a restaurant, and 89 occupancy. This far exceeds and is more than double of what ABRA approved, which was 44, and that's in the license and in the settlement agreement.

As of September 23rd, 2019 Champion
Kitchen has been able to operate with an ABRA
license for more than two years with
discrepancies in its certificate of occupancy
versus its license which we argue constitutes a
substantial change despite the SPCA's prior noted
objections and the board's order, and in its
letter to the board. That was the letter that we
sent you all. What we are arguing is that he had
actual notice and knowledge of the discrepancy in
occupancy given that the board order was a public
document and was properly served to him and the
SPCA's objections, which they still remain to
this day. He failed to take action for more than
two years to correct the discrepancy, thus the

SPCA alleges that he filed and executed a knowingly false renewal application in violation of District of Columbia code 25401C which talks about false statements. As a result, the SPCA also alleges that the renewal application contains materially false and incorrect information that renders it incomplete and renders the notice provided to the public invalid.

Under 500 of Title 23 it says the board shall not accept as filed and shall not take any action upon any application that is not complete. Before a license is issued the board shall ensure that proper notice has been given to the public. Certificates of occupancy, as we all know, are there to protect the public safety and prevent overcrowding.

Although the Board's practice has been to permit applicants to re-placard their applications, in this instance the applicant had already been informed that they were not to increase the seats based on the board order in 2018, and that the substantial change was not only denied, but rejected. Yet Champion Kitchen kept the increased occupancy anyway. We argue

that this constitutes a pure and blatant disregard for the board's order and Champion Kitchen's intent to continue to violate the laws and regulations.

The relief that we're asking, not ordinarily, we would request that you would revoke Champion Kitchen's license. We believe that is highly likely that they will just reapply with a new occupancy with the 55 seats and 89, which is definitely not appropriate for our community, and he would also benefit from his regulatory arbitrage. We are not arguing that the board has the right to oversee what DCRA does, what we are arguing is that a false application was filed, and that falls within the purview of the board.

MS. YOHANNES: Yes. First, regarding the certificate of occupancy, there is no dispute that we have the certificate of occupancy that states that we have 55 seats or are allowed to have 55 seats and 89 as the load. That's not in dispute. The current license that we have lists 44 seats and for the past two years the applicant has been in compliance, has complied with what's

been stated on the license, has complied with what the terms are in the settlement agreement. So what SPCA now is requesting from her motion, from her argument right now is that this board order, the applicant to go to DCRA, to go to a different agency, to amend its certificate of occupancy, that's outside the jurisdiction of the board, the board can't do that. Regarding the false renewal of the application, these claims, the claims that are being brought are regarding fitness for licensure and that's an issue that can be addressed during a protest hearing. based on the arguments that you made, a motion to dismiss at this time or to dismiss the renewal application is not appropriate, and we're going to request that the board deny that motion.

And additionally, I will add, if the issue regarding the false renewal of the application and the certificate of occupancy or the number that's listed on the renewal application regarding notice, there is no notice issue. SPCA has been aware that the certificate of occupancy, there's a discrepancy between the certificate of occupancy and what the license states. This is a normal situation, this happens

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quite often where the board will plant limitations on the license. And it doesn't mean that the applicant will then be required to go back and change the C of O, we will just abide by what the license says, which is 44 seats. So at this time we're going to request that the board deny protesting this motion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So just verification. So has the licensee been abiding by its license with this ABC Board that requires 44 seats?

MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any comments you want to make?

MS. JEFFERSON: I blatantly object to that. I think she just said that the certificate of occupancy, the document speaks for itself, it's 55 seats. I think when -- if she wants to move this to the protest hearing, when you hear the board's agent, the investigator, he counted the number of seats. The board has been very clear that a substantial change includes a change in the number of seats. I don't understand and I disagree with what she's saying in terms of this difference between what DCRA has and what the

ABRA license has. However, he would be in consistent violation of having a substantial change all the time, because it doesn't comply with the license.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well --

MS. JEFFERSON: So the only way to render it is to change the certificate of occupancy or just revoke the license altogether.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, since I've been board chair, the certificate of occupancy and the ABRA license is not always consistent, because DCRA is an agency that determines what the occupancy is. The ABRA license, however, will never exceed the numbers in the certificate of occupancy. However, on several occasions the ABRA license through a settlement agreement can indeed have a lower number, and there's really no conflict. There's only a concern if the establishment is operating with the certificate of occupancy which is higher than the license that's provided to them by ABRA. Then for an investigator to go there, it's a violation. And so therefore we'll give them a notice of infraction stating that they're not complying with their license. There's really no

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issue if there's a conflict between the two, as long as when our investigator goes there, the seating within the facility is consistent with the license that we provide to them.

MS. JEFFERSON: I think I just said it's not.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your motion is that the two documents can conflict. Okay, the two documents can conflict. Our license can never exceed the DCRA numbers; our license, however, can be a smaller number, and that's through either a board order or through a settlement agreement. So we've had many cases where there's a conflict and what the licensee comes back to us and they ask us to change it to say, "Oh, by the way, when I first applied for a license I asked for 44. We went to DCRA and DCRA provides us 55." It's not contemplating our settlement agreement that we would have 55, so therefore we're asking the board to make a determination, the board will determine whether or not a substantial change, if it's not contemplated, some settlement agreement, contemplate a larger number.

MS. JEFFERSON: I was going to say my

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argument was not to debate the certificate of occupancy, it was the application was knowingly false, period.

I disagree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to deny the motion. The reason I'm going to deny the motion, the document can I mean, your better argument then conflict. which is something that you can prove through, if it can be proved through testimony, they have violated their license in a sense that they consistently have not complied with their ABRA license as set up that they can have 44. certificate of occupancy can say 1,000 but as long as their, if their ABRA license is 44, until and unless they come back to ABRA and ask for a change, they have to comply with what our license So it's not a false statement because those two documents can always conflict. So for that reason I'm going to deny the motion. Because it's not a false statement, it's a matter of fact that those two documents can conflict, as long as they operate within the confines of their ABRA license, then they're fine. Even if they have a higher number from DCRA. So as I said before, the argument is that they have been

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1	operating on a 55 seat, then that's something
2	that can come under through testimony, and then
3	the board can make a ruling on that. If we have
4	the hearing, then we can decide that although
5	their license, their certificate of occupancy
6	says 55, that based on the testimony that's
7	presented by the community, that 44 is the
8	appropriate number for that facility based on
9	evidence that's presented, then the board would
10	issue an order saying 44. And they will forever
11	have a conflict between the two documents because
12	the board order or our license is the one that
13	takes precedent over a certificate of occupancy
14	from DCRA.
15	All right, it's my understanding
16	there's another motion that was filed, which is -
17	-
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, there were
19	several protests it was a
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me
21	before the board share anything the
22	recommendation I'm making to the members of the
23	board is that we deny the motion.
24	Is there a second?

Second.

MEMBER CROCKETT:

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter passes 5-0.

All right, go ahead.

MS. JEFFERSON: So the second motion was a motion to strike or any alternative to exclude testimony and evidence. The protest information form and the exhibit list that were submitted by Ms. Yohannes on September 26th, this is what it's in regards to. The aforementioned email stated please see the applicant's PIF, an exhibit form. Thank you, Sidon. I hope I'm not mispronouncing her name.

No information was provided in the text of the cover email to clarify who the name of the applicant was. In addition, in the subject of the email it had Champion Kitchen, but it has protest number 19-PRO-00052. Also, in that same email, the attached PIF referenced ABRA license No. 108015. Upon information and belief, that license is associated with Provost which is located on Rhode Island Avenue. In addition, the

same email included in attachment called Exhibit List, on the board's form whereby the case No. 19-PRO-0052 was listed as the case number. Upon information and belief, that is related for an application to renew the license for a Whole Foods market that's located on P Street. In addition, the PIF submitted by Ms. Yohannes only mentions that the SPCA is protesting based on peace, order and quiet, where as our protest letter Ms. Yohannes continues the opposition to the motion to dismiss, which you just denied, that that was, peace, order and quiet were the protest issues among other things. And I also listed the items in which we were protesting.

Given the inaccuracies in listing the incorrect ABRA case number and the license number, uncertainty remains as to whether the nature of the protest listed was intended to apply to Provost, Whole Foods or Champion Kitchen and calls into question the entire pre-hearing submission as well as whether any of the evidence is relevant to this protest case.

As you know, we are all supposed to submit seven days prior and disclose any documentary evidence. Because of the

discrepancies in case numbers and abatements in some of the descriptions of the witnesses, the SPCA cannot ascertain as whether some of the witnesses pertain to Provost, Whole Foods or Champion Kitchen. For example, it had Annette Young, employee of the business next door, will testify regarding the observations and operation. It lacks any information as to which business is next door to which ABRA licensee. They also have David Andrews, security personnel, will testify about the observations and the operation. doesn't tell us which licensee he applies to; is it 108015 or is it 10355? Razelle, a nearby resident, it doesn't even have her last name. Ιt doesn't even say where she lives, doesn't even give a street. And it fails to provide us with any information where we can ascertain which neighborhood she lives in, as well as whether we have enough information to sufficiently crossexamine the witness because it's just a first We should be afforded the opportunity name. through the Administrative Procedures Act to cross-examine and provide impeaching evidence; we can't do that when we don't have any information and there is these conflicting license numbers as

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well as case numbers. While we are representatives for the SPCA, we are all unpaid volunteers. We have no formal law degrees and lack any prior experience in submitting evidence. This is our first time that we've done a full protest hearing before ABRA.

Ms. Yohannes, on the other hand, is a barred attorney in the District of Columbia, she has participated in several ABRA board proceedings and is a member of the law firm at Veritas that has additional attorneys such as Mr. Kline and support personnel. This is not a situation where someone can say this was a prefilled form because we are required to fill out the form to put what the case number is in the protest case. And we argue that they should be held to a higher standard as it relates to this type of information. We believe that the PIF, the exhibit list and the evidence that was proffered into submission by Ms. Yohannes on behalf of Champion Kitchen was highly prejudicial and it conflates the administrative record. of it is probably irrelevant it should be struck altogether, including the documentary evidence and the witnesses that were listed should be

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Moreover, if subsequent action is required by the SPCA related to the renewal application and license for Champion Kitchen, the SPCA would like the administrative record to be clear as to which protest case and which ABRA licensee, the contested case and all evidence refer to. And the alternative, should the board allow the applicant to resubmit the requisite forms, the SPCA requests that the board continue the protest hearing and order no other changes beyond correcting the case number and license number, be admitted and no additional testimony and evidence be permitted. Under reservation of rights we do not waive any arguments, protests, objections, evidence, and we reserve the right to raise any arguments for or against this ABRArelated application or action.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes?

MS. YOHANNES: Yes, first regarding
the case number; yes, I acknowledged yesterday in
an email that was an error that we made.

Regarding the protestant not knowing which
applicant or which licensee that refers to; this
is the only protest I have with these

protestants, with this protestant. Champion Kitchen was clearly in the email, in the subject line. There is no prejudice. The applicant or SPCA received the PIF, they received the exhibits, they received the exhibit list, so no prejudice existed or exists. And I will also say that SPCA could have reached out if they needed additional information or if they need clarification as to which licensee or applicant that I represent, and that was not done so. Regarding some of the information referred to in the PIF, the PIF requires that we list witnesses and a summary of their testimony. Some of the information that SPCA is requesting, the additional information they're requesting is not required. So what was provided is what was required. And again, if SPCA needed additional information, they could have requested it. I'm going to ask that the motion be denied.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And our status hearing, this is the information that was read to both sides; it says that you are required to complete and submit the protest information form here and the exhibit form seven days before the date of the hearing. These two

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1	forms and accompanying documents need to be
2	submitted to ABRA's legal division and to all
3	opposing parties in this matter. Likewise, if we
4	do not receive a copy of your PIF, your
5	application or your protest, whichever side
6	you're representing, may be subject to dismissal.
7	Likewise, if we do not receive a copy of the
8	exhibit form and the exhibits themselves, your
9	exhibits may be excluded from the record upon a
10	finding that the opposing party has not been
11	prejudice or no good cause for failure to submit
12	has been shown. Likewise, witnesses other than
13	witness may also be subject to exclusion if not
14	identified in the PIF.
15	Ms. Jefferson, did you receive the PIF
16	and the documents seven days before the hearing?
17	MS. JEFFERSON: I received it. I'm
18	not sure if it was for this case or not.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you
20	received the documents seven days before the
21	hearing?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: I received a document.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You received a
24	document before the hearing, all right. Those

are the instructions that were given and they

were applied, so therefore I'm going to deny your However, you can, your case-in-chief, motion. you can make a motion to exclude based on the relevance, if it's not relevant to these proceedings, then you can raise a motion at that But the only guidelines that I provided were the documents the witness has to be identified seven days, within seven days prior You admitted that you received the documents to. seven days. And so once -- if they intend to call witnesses or documents, you can raise a motion on relevancy and the board will make a determination, and that's based on the arguments that you made, whether or not the documents should be included or because it's not relevant to these proceedings. They admit it might have been sloppy on the side of the applicant's attorney to provide documents, but the guidelines is that they be provided to you seven days in advance, you have received them. So therefore, whether or not they'll be included or in the record based on relevancy, is still a motion that can be raised as the hearing proceeds.

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Are there any other motions to be made?

MS. JEFFERSON: The last one was to, an extension of time to keep the record open, should there be any evidence that we need to provide that's rebuttal to any witnesses that remained, or that the board requests?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Once this hearing is over, the record is closed. So therefore all documents and witnesses have to be included within this hearing. So the matter is closed at the end of this hearing and everything is taken under advisement, and the decision will be made if parties decide to do conclusions or facts, then you have a little bit more time. But also that no documents or witnesses unless they were disclosed seven days prior will be allowed. So that motion is also denied, okay?

All right, so next.

All right. This is the process that we're going to follow; the applicant will have an opening statement, followed by -- the protestant will have an opening statement. After that's concluded, the board will call its witness which is our investigator. The board will question its

investigator, we will ask questions of the investigator. And once the board has asked questions, then the applicant will have an opportunity to cross-examine the investigator, and then the protestant will have an opportunity to cross-examine the protestant -- I'm sorry, the board's witness.

Then the board will, if so they desire, will ask further questions and I'll decide whether or not I'll give you an opportunity to ask cross on cross, but it can't be any new -- if I allow each side to ask questions it will be on information that was asked based on -- or it can't be like I forgot to ask a question, and so therefore let me ask some other questions; it has to be based on questions that were asked.

Each side will have 90 minutes to present its case and we're going to hold to 90 minutes. Your 90 minutes starts after the board has presented its case, so the applicant will have 90 minutes, the protestant will have 90 minutes. Your 90 minutes, if you spend a lot of time cross-examining the protestant witness, that is coming from your time. So be mindful that if

your case-in-chief depends on cross-examination of their witness, so be it. But be mindful that you don't spend an hour cross-examining their witness, then you have no time left to present your case-in-chief.

I will try to be somewhat flexible with time in a sense that the folks are here and everyone wants to testify. I will try to be flexible to allow everyone to testify, but it's 5:23, we will be here until it's done, but I would hope that you're mindful of the time. The board will not, if there's repetitive or redundant testimony, I'm not going to allow that to occur, so please use your time appropriately to make sure that each witness who testified both sides that represent. I don't need repetitive or redundant testimony, so if that -- I will basically raise and state that we've heard that before, move on. Okay? So it's clear to both sides the expectation. As I said, we have 90 minutes, I'll try to be flexible and give you a little bit more time, but we'll try to get -it's 5:23 -- I guess we'll probably be here until maybe 10:00 or so. But if you need a break, let us know and the board might have to take a break

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I did get my coffee to make sure that 1 itself. 2 you have my full, undivided attention before this 3 hearing is closed. All right, the board will therefore 4 call its first witness. And our first witness is 5 Mr. Jovan Miller. Can you please take the --6 7 MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Chair? 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I'm sorry. 9 MS. YOHANNES: Can we do opening 10 statements? 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I apologize. 12 You know, I just told you what the procedures are 13 and I violated the procedures myself, so maybe my 14 coffee has taken impact yet. 15 So, I apologize. Go ahead, Ms. 16 Yohannes. 17 MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Chairman and 18 members of the board, we are here on the protest 19 for the renewal of Champion Kitchen's retailers 20 class CR license. Today you'll hear testimony 21 from the owner and operator of Champion Kitchen, 22 Eyob Worku, and he'll testify and tell you that 23 he's put in a lot of hard work, time and money. 24 He's invested it into opening this business and

operating this business. Not only that, he's

also done this in making changes to address the community's suggestions and concerns. What we have here is a small business, a hands-on operator who is present at this establishment nearly every day from open to close, an operator whose made every attempt to work with the community since its opening. While the protestant wants you to believe that there are issues regarding noise, that there are issues regarding trash and compliance, that just is not the case here. There specifically have not been any noise violations and that will be brought up during this hearing throughout. The evidence will show that the protest is driven by a couple of individuals who want control of the neighborhood. They want control of the businesses, they want to make sure that businesses are following not regulation, but their rules and without identifying what the issues are, without identifying how there's any negative impact and declare why. So what's this case really about?

So what's this case really about?

What are we doing here? What we're doing here is debating the discrepancy in SPCA's refusal or SPCA being upset about our request previously for

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an increase in capacity. But I would like to just stress that this is not a substantial change application; we're here to renew the application, we're here to renew our license. We're here to maintain the capacity that the license states, it's what we've been in compliance with and we're going to continue to be in compliance with. What the license says, it's what the settlement agreement says. We understand we can't have over 44 patrons inside the establishment.

So the evidence will show that this establishment has had no negative impacts on peace, order and quiet and at the conclusion of this case, after you've heard testimony and you've heard all the evidence, we're going to ask that you approve renewal of the application with no restriction.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No restrictions, meaning?

MS. YOHANNES: No additional restrictions than what are applied.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. JEFFERSON: I was going to say good afternoon, but we're getting close to the evening, so.

Good evening, Chair Anderson and members of the board. My name is Naima Jefferson and I'm the President of the Shepherd Park Citizen's Association which will I refer to as the SPCA. Paula Edwards, Carl Bergman and I are here as designated representatives and officers and we will be -- at some point one of them will have to present me as a witness and vice versa.

The SPCA has been an association under one name or another since 1917 and has consistently been the singular voice used to express the sentiment of our community. SPCA's boundaries are in the D.C. comprehensive plans, Rock Creek East area, planning area, that encompassed the attractive, stable, low density, stable family residential neighborhoods of Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, Walter Reed, and it includes both sides of Georgia Avenue. Our community is known for its park-like ambience, a sense of community, open space and family atmosphere. The major planning objective that the city has for our community is to conserve these traits, and this can be found in Exhibit 19 that I presented on the record. This is in the D.C. comprehensive

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Champion Kitchen is located within our association's boundaries. The SPCA in good faith entered into a settlement agreement which was approved by this board in 2017. This can be found in some of the exhibits and we also included a legible copy because the copy that's attached was kind of fuzzy; that was then our Exhibit No. 7. We have followed that settlement agreement scrupulously. Unfortunately, the licensee has not. As we will spell out and you will hear from testimony and exhibits on the record and submitted into evidence, we are protesting on the following ground; that Champion Kitchen has had an adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, including noise. There's been litter as well as we've had some rowdiness in our community. It is not appropriate for our community, and our community has very unique characteristics because of its park-like ambiance and its closeness to the Montgomery County line. We sit right on the district line. Champion Kitchen has a poor record of compliance with ABRA's law and regulations and other D.C. laws and regulations which are outlined in our

settlement agreement. They have had an adverse impact on real property values, and they also have adversely impacted residential parking needs for vehicular and pedestrian safety. We also feel that Champion Kitchen doesn't even meet the standards of a restaurant as defined in the ABRA regulations. In our neighborhood where housing prices can exceed over a million dollars in a city with an affordable housing crisis that's evident in our Exhibit 61, Champion Kitchen has brought down the real property values in the community near the establishment on Alaska Avenue, where as other relatively affordable housing in the neighborhood -- which there is very few, on Fern Street -- which is closer going south on Georgia Avenue -- have increased even in the face of an affordable housing crisis. document was presented as evidence in Exhibit 50.

Champion Kitchen is across the street from a church. They're located in close proximity to human service populations that serve very vulnerable populations, one of which you've heard is Casa Ruby, they've been in the news a lot. Across and down the street are two private schools that are associated with religious

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institutions and they're located in an intersection that has high-crash volumes, so much so that that particular intersection is noted as a high-priority intersection with DDOT's Rock Creek East Livability Study, and I put that in Exhibit 52. Residential parking on the 1100 block of Kalmia has been adversely impacted, such that residents signed a DDOT petition that was supported by an ANC resolution to change the parking from two-hour to work order only residential, and there's also a handicap space to deter patrons for one of our senior members, so that she can have a parking space.

You will be presented evidence and testimony, as I said, of their violations. What we're requesting is that you deny the renewal application and revoke their current license. In the alternative, we request that the board may undergo an audit of their books, records quarterly and annual statements for adherence to the food sales requirements under ABRA laws and regulations. And enforce those regulations, reduce the establishment's operating hours so that the establishment closes at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on Friday

and Saturday, including holidays. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it. Sunday through Thursday 11:00, and what --? 3 4 MS. JEFFERSON: And midnight on Friday 5 and Saturday, including holidays. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what is it 6 7 currently? MS. JEFFERSON: It's on the license. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, I'll find 10 out here. 11 MS. JEFFERSON: Those hours are 12 similar to other establishments that have complied with ABRA laws and regulations that are 13 14 on our board. The establishment decreased --15 we've already talked about the certificate of 16 occupancy, but I'm just going to bring it up 17 because it's an argument -- that they maintain 18 their occupancy of 44 or less. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's not an 20 Are you asking for 44 or are you asking 21 for less than 44? 22 MS. JEFFERSON: 44. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because that's 24 not an issue. The settlement agreement says 44, 25 counsel stated that they intend to apply, so if

it's 44, if you agree to 44, there's no need for 1 2 testimony on 44. 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And we ask that you revoke their entertainment endorsement and 4 5 restrict their night club activities or night club life activities and prohibit the use of 6 7 cover charges. 8 Thank you. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're 10 saying they have an entertainment endorsement and 11 they also have a cover charge? 12 MS. JEFFERSON: Per our settlement 13 agreement there's specific criteria in which they are allowed to have. 14 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're 16 asking us to make amendment to the settlement 17 agreement to --? 18 MS. JEFFERSON: Restrict the license. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? 20 MS. JEFFERSON: Restrict the license. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So basically to 22 make changes to the hours, to the entertainment 23 endorsement and to the cover charge, which their 24 settlement agreement allows currently? 25 MS. JEFFERSON: Under certain

1 circumstances. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm just 3 saying. So you --? MS. JEFFERSON: I just want to make 4 sure the record is clear. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I mean 6 7 under the -- we're going to review the settlement 8 agreement. So you're saying we should make the -9 - basically make a settlement agreement so there 10 are no entertainment, no cover charge and change 11 the hours? 12 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just want to 14 be clear what you're asking for. 15 Okay. One thing I'll just say because you're 16 17 not an attorney; as the case progresses, if there 18 are exhibits that you want, you need to make sure 19 that you call the witness within the documents. 20 MS. JEFFERSON: Okav. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the 22 documents are not going to be -- unless you have ABRA's records, but if they're new documents that 23 24 you need to introduce, to move into the record,

then you need to call a witness to have them

identify that, and then ask to move those 1 documents into the records. 2 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I know that 4 5 counsel's aware of that. But since you stated earlier you were not an attorney, so I was just 6 7 letting you know that. 8 All right. Okay, so we've had both 9 the applicant and the protestant, opening statements. So now the board will call, will do 10 11 its case-in-chief. Therefore, the board will 12 call its first witness, Mr. Jovan Miller. 13 Mr. Miller, can you raise your right 14 hand please? 15 Do you swear or affirm to tell the 16 truth and nothing but the truth? 17 MR. MILLER: Yes, sir. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And now you 19 need to speak up so I can hear you. 20 MR. MILLER: Yes, sir. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat 22 please and pull the microphone close to you and 23 please speak in the microphone. 24 All right, Mr. Miller, where are you 25 currently employed?

1	MR. MILLER: I'm currently at ABRA,
2	that's the Administrative Beverage Regulation
3	Administration.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your
5	current position with ABRA?
6	MR. MILLER: Investigator.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How long have
8	you been working for ABRA?
9	MR. MILLER: Approximately five
10	months.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Five months.
12	Are you familiar with this protest proceeding?
13	Are you familiar with this establishment,
14	Champion Kitchen?
15	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How are you
17	familiar with this establishment?
18	MR. MILLER: I was assigned to the
19	protest to monitor the establishment.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And did there
21	come a time that you wrote a report?
22	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So can you tell
24	us can you go through your report and tell us
25	what it is that you're able to ascertain

_	regarding this protest, please?
2	MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just want to
3	make a correction on Page 2. If you go down to
4	the third short paragraph where it's talking, "On
5	Thursday, August 22nd," if you go down to who
6	it's representing it should be
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on.
8	Okay. I'm sorry, yes.
9	MR. MILLER: It should be it's located
LO	at ANC-4. I just want to make that for the
L1	record.
L2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
L3	I see the paragraph, but I'm not sure
L <b>4</b>	MR. MILLER: Is there a
L5	representative, it should be located at the ANC-
L6	4.
L <b>7</b>	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh. No, the
L8	document I have is who is representing ANC-4A. I
L9	guess it was corrected. So you're saying it
20	should say "represented" or "located"?
21	MR. MILLER: It's located SPCA is
22	representing ANC-4, so it's separate.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, you're
24	saying it should read that
25	MR. MTLLER: SPCA is its own entity.

is not included as representing ANC; it's just located in ANC.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so why don't we just take out that, just to say Naima Jefferson, President of the SPCA and just take off the rest. And put a period. You can make a reference -- all right. Go ahead.

MR. MILLER: All right.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So we'll make that correction. Go ahead, sir.

I myself, Javon Miller, MR. MILLER: was assigned to protest investigation of class CR renewal application for EMC, the corporation trading as Champion Kitchen located at 7730 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington D.C. The renewal application for Champion Kitchen, ABRA license no. 103055 was admitted by the owner, Eyob Worku -- I'm sorry if I mispronounced your name -- on Thursday, August 22nd, 2019 lead investigator Felicia Dantzler spoke telephonically to Naima Jefferson, President of SPCA. She stated during the last renewal period Champion Kitchen agreed to a settlement agreement; however, Champion Kitchen violated their commitments which are listed below; number one, having a occupancy

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total capacity of 44, operating as a restaurant. Also, as well Ms. Jefferson advised Investigator Miller that ANC-4 does not want the establishment operating until the early morning hours. Jefferson stated that ANC-4 wants the establishment's hours to be restricted to midnight seven days a week so that the community will not have impact on operation. She also stated nearby communities does not want to deal with patrons making noise or music emanating in the early morning hours. Ms. Jefferson stated that Champion Kitchen's consistent efforts to increase its occupancy while ignoring its own settlement agreement and wants to express the neighborhood, it shows that its committed to the bar, night club business model and it has no intentions in operating in a manner appropriate to its location and its ABRA license. Jefferson stated that Champion Kitchen's operating as a night club or tavern under disguise of a restaurant, which is not appropriate for the neighborhood because it's located 128 feet from the San Miguel School, 328 feet from Academia de la Recta Porta, a private Christian school, and New Dimensions Kingdom

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Ministry, a church, 466 feet from Northminster
Presbyterian Church, and two-tenths of a mile
from Juanita Thornton. Ms. Jefferson also stated
that there is limited parking at ANC surrounding
Champion Kitchen in residential area. It has
concerns that Champion Kitchen patron parking
will limit residential parking.

On Friday, August 16th, 2019 Investigator Miller contacted attorney, Andrew Kline, representing Champion Kitchen through email, requesting a statement on behalf of the applicant. On September 24th, 2019 Investigator Miller received a response from Sidon Yohannes -excuse me if I mispronounce your name -- an associate of Mr. Kline, stating that Champion Kitchen would send a written statement. September 25th, 2019 a Champion Kitchen representative provided Investigator Miller, myself, with a written statement. The statement states Champion Kitchen filed a renewal application to renew its retail Class C tavern license. Champion Kitchen renewal, application was protested by Shepherd Park Citizen's Association (SPCA). Amongst other things SPCA states the following basis for, it's protestant

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of the renewal application: peace, order and quiet, adverse effect on real property value, adverse impacts on residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Champion Kitchen already has a settlement agreement with SPCA that was approved by the board on February 1st, 2017. Since the filing of the application the licensee has communicated with ANC through SM, the commissioner Stacy Lincoln and SPCA to address the past and present complaints regarding operation of the establishment. The operator has attended several meetings since the filing of the initial application and attempts to have a good relationship with the community. During these meetings the operator has discussed plans to address the ANC's concerns, including the plans for noise, parking, safety.

Most notable, on December 5th, 2018
licensees met with the SPCA president, other SPCA
members, residents and Commissioner Lincoln to
discuss concerns. The licensee took steps to
address concerns by, one, making sure the clicker
that is utilized to monitor occupancy; two, post
new signs to remind patrons of exit -- three,

using social media websites and other means to advise and encourage patrons to use alternative transportation; and four, posting "No Loitering" signs. Furthermore, continue efforts to evaluate issues and address potential concerns of SPCA beginning June 7th, 2019 licensee volunteers sign up to receive RDO on Friday's and Saturday. Since then RDO has made no reports of any incidents or issues at the establishment.

The protestant issues were -- the renewal application is being protested by Shepherd Park Citizen's Association located at ANC, they submitted a letter to ABRA opposing Champion Kitchen renewal application on the grounds that the establishment will have adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, the effect of establishment on real property value, the effect of the establishment upon residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and settlement agreement violations.

On my findings Champion Kitchen is located in a mixed use zone, MU-4 according to the zoning regulations. Mixed use zones provide for mixed use development and permit a broad range of commercial, institutional and multiple

dwelling units. Nearby establishments according to the Geographic Information Systems, Exhibit 2, as of April 3rd, 2019 there are five active ABC licensed establishments operating within 1,200 feet of Champion Kitchen.

The five alcoholic licensed establishments consist of two Class A retail licensed establishments, Beer, Wine and Spirits; and three Class C restaurant licensed establishments. There are no ABC licensed establishments with an endorsement within 1,200 feet of Champion Kitchen. All five licensed establishments have settlement agreements, and one establishment, Betty's Gojo, has an entertainment endorsement. According to the District of Columbia Geographic Information Systems, there are no schools, recreation centers, public libraries or daycare centers located 400 feet to the establishment, which is Exhibit 3. Inside of Champion Kitchen, the building exterior of Champion Kitchen is red brick building with an orange roof, a moderately small building. The establishment has two exterior windows on the East/Northeast side of the building, three exterior windows on the

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Northwest side of the building. Champion Kitchen interior; the interior walls are decorated with off-white patterns, halfway down the wall with a brownish border. Beneath the walls to the left side of entering the establishment is a seating area and four tall-glass tables close to the middle walkway.

Champion Kitchen has applied for an entertainment endorsement, their proposed hours of entertainment would be Sunday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. As far as noise, during the monitoring of Champion Kitchen, no excessive noise from the establishment was noted. cuisine, Champion Kitchen is a restaurant offering upscale Ethiopian menu with a touch of American influence and specialty coffee. trash disposal is a trash company, DG Trash and Hauling. DG Trash and Hauling removes the trash approximately three times per week. It also located on the left of the building on Alaska Ave. NW, which is Exhibit 15.

I did have a chance to look at
Champion Kitchen's certificate of occupancy which
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89 patrons, which is Exhibit 16.

Champion Kitchen license application,
Exhibit 17, has approved seating for 44.

Champion Kitchen consistently has seating of 87
seats during protest monitoring on our visits.

Champion Kitchen did submit a request to increase occupancy, Exhibit 18, but has not been approved as of authoring of this report.

The effects of establishment's peace, order and quiet; ABRA investigators monitored Champion Kitchen on 17 occasions from August 17th, 2019 through September 24th, 2019. ABRA investigators did not hear excessive noise, investigators did not observe any issues with peace, order and quiet as it relates to Champion Kitchen. Investigators did not observe trash or crowds outside of the establishment. ABRA investigators did not observe any criminal activity.

The effects of establishment on residential parking needs, vehicular and pedestrian safety; there are no Metro subways in the vicinity of Champion Kitchen. I do want to note that they do have 13 Metro bus stops in the vicinity of Champion Kitchen, which is Exhibit

19. The bus stops serve Eastern Ave., Alaska Ave., Kalmia Rd., and Georgia Ave.

Champion Kitchen is located at 7730 Georgia Ave. NW, it has ten parking spots on site, which is Exhibit 20-22. The establishment is bounded by Alaska Ave. to the west and Georgia Ave. to the east.

The effect on establishments on real property values, ABRA personnel are not qualified to address the issue of real property values. Upon the record search, On Tuesday, August 27th, 2019, Investigator George Garcia and Investigator Miller contacted the Office of Unified Communication regarding the calls for service for 7730 Georgia Ave. NW, Investigator Miller asked and received the calls for 7730 Georgia Ave. NW from January 1st, 2018 through July 31st, 2019, which is Exhibit 29. Three out of the four calls for service were attached to Champion Kitchen; the calls of service did not result in ABRA violations. A complaint -- excuse me -- a review of the Noise Task Force Law for Fiscal Year 2019 is that there were no noise complaints involving Champion Kitchen. Regarding the settlement agreement, Champion Kitchen has a settlement

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agreement, in particular the protestant states
that the establishment occupancy load is over the
agreed amount that it's in the settlement. Also,
the protestant has concerns that Champion Kitchen
is not operating as a restaurant. In the
settlement agreement listed under "nature of
other business" it states the establishment is a
restaurant offering upscale Ethiopian menu with a
touch of American influence and specialty coffee
with an entertainment endorsement. The
establishment has a capacity of 44 patrons.
Champion Kitchen shall not promote or participate
in pub crawls or outdoor events at the premise
north promoting self of participant and the
promotion of any advertising or social media as a
lounge, bar and/or night club. Champion Kitchen
shall not collect a cover charge at the door or
entry, except in connection with charitable or
political fundraising events. Champion Kitchen
has an available seating capacity of 87. There
were no ABRA violations of the settlement
agreement. Champion Kitchen's settlement
agreement specifies occupancy load, not seating.
ABRA investigators did find adequate
amounts of food at the establishment and believe

that the establishment is functioning as a restaurant. Champion Kitchen does have an investigative history, Exhibit 31; under concerns of the SPCA list, Champion Kitchen has one violation of increased occupancy, Case No. 18-CMP-00239 on October 7th, 2018.

I would like to make a note. Today, October 2nd, 2019 ABRA was notified by a program manager of the Department of Health that Champion Kitchen was visited three times since June of 2019. During each visit the establishment owner was given orders to cease and desist the smoking of tobacco inside the establishment. There is also a fourth violation pending. To date the establishment has not come into compliance and DOH is looking into stronger corrective actions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there exhibits attached to your report?

MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you identify the exhibits that are attached to your report, please?

MR. MILLER: Yes, sir. Exhibit 1 is a copy of the SPCA protest letter; Exhibit 2 is District of Columbia Geographic Information

	systems map of incensed establishments within
2	1,200 feet; Exhibit 3, District of Columbia
3	Geographic Information Systems map of schools
4	within 400 feet; Exhibit 4, exterior photograph
5	of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 5, exterior
6	photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 6,
7	exterior photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit
8	7, interior photograph of Champion Kitchen;
9	Exhibit 8, interior photograph of Champion
LO	Kitchen; Exhibit 9, interior photograph of
L1	Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 10, interior
L2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's go to 8.
L3	What's this I'm looking at in Exhibit 8?
L <b>4</b>	MR. MILLER: Immediately to your left
L5	when you walk into Champion Kitchen is a cut-off
L6	sectional.
L <b>7</b>	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
L8	what's 9?
L9	MR. MILLER: 9 is the DJ booth.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see a green -
21	- I don't know what it is. I see in the middle
22	of it
23	MR. MILLER: I'm sorry; in front of
24	it, it has a neon light in front of the DJ booth.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So

what's the green -- at least the picture, what's the green object?

MR. MILLER: It's just lighting and the type of glass.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, go ahead.

MR. MILLER: Exhibit 10, interior photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 11, interior photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 12, interior photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 13, interior photograph of Champion Kitchen; Exhibit 14, copy of ABRA license and highlighting is done to entertainment endorsement; Exhibit 15, photograph of trash can position; Exhibit 16, photograph of Champion Kitchen's certificate of occupancy; Exhibit 17, Champion Kitchen's license application; Exhibit 18, formal request to increase occupancy; Exhibit 19, photograph of Metro bus stops; Exhibit 20, photograph of Champion Kitchen parking lot; Exhibit 21, photograph of Champion Kitchen parking lot; Exhibit 22, photograph of Champion Kitchen parking lot; Exhibit 23, photograph of street parking; 24, street parking as well; as well as 25, 26 and 17, all photographs of street parking; and 28, excuse me; Exhibit 29, Office of

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1	Unified Communication calls for service; Exhibit
2	30, Champion Kitchen's settlement agreement;
3	Exhibit 31, Champion Kitchen's investigative
4	history.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
6	Okay. Let's go back to Page 8 of your report.
7	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how many
9	times did you personally visit this
10	establishment?
11	MR. MILLER: Seven times, sir.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Seven times?
13	So can you tell me the dates that you visited
14	please?
15	MR. MILLER: I cannot give you all
16	seven, sir.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. But
18	you're saying seven all right. How many
19	observations were done?
20	MR. MILLER: Seventeen.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Seventeen. And
22	you personally have done seven times. And so I
23	don't understand, it says findings substantial
24	change, ABRA violation observed.
25	Can you explain to me what is it that

you observed during your visit to this establishment?

MR. MILLER: So inside of Champion

MR. MILLER: So inside of Champion

Kitchen they, at first I thought it was a

settlement agreement violation, but it was not to

the language of the settlement agreement. But I

did, when I did my research on the Champion

Kitchens establishment, they have a listed 44

seating, for what they were approved by the

Board. So every time I visited the establishment

they were always above 44 seating.

So that was a substantial change violation at every visit. So until it was approved by the Board for a substantial change to have more than 44 seating, it's a substantial change violation.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the reason why I'm asking you because you reported that, later on in your report, and that's why I'm confused, so you reported in your report on Page

22 MEMBER CATO: Page 11.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What page?

MEMBER CATO: Page 11.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So

I don't understand Page 11 where you stated that the establishment has the capacity of 44 patrons. And then you wrote that Champion Kitchen has an available seating capacity of 87. There were no ABRA violations of the settlement agreement. Champion's Kitchen settlement agreement specifies occupancy load, not seating.

So I don't understand how on one page you wrote during your observation that, at least on Page 8 it says that there are substantial change violation in all the observations. But in that other page you wrote there are no ABRA violations based on the settlement agreement.

So how are you stating on one page that there is a substantial change and then you're saying there's no settlement there?

MR. MILLER: So, as far as the settlement agreement goes, they're allowed to have 44 patrons, that's clear for the settlement agreement. Which they can have inside the establishment.

But as far as the ABRA goes for the license side, they can't have more than 44 seats. So when they came to you and they said, I brought to you this application, I want 44 seats, you

1	guys approved them for them, that's what we have
2	to go off of.
3	So, any time they have more than 44
4	seats, that's a substantial change and separate
5	from the settlement agreement.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's, go
7	ahead, Ms. Crockett.
8	MEMBER CROCKETT: So, to be clear,
9	when you visited, you observed no more than 44
10	persons present?
11	MR. MILLER: Correct.
12	MEMBER CROCKETT: Therefore, you were
13	in agreement with the settlement agreement, which
14	says they can have
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You need to
16	turn your microphone on.
17	MEMBER CROCKETT: Sorry. So, you
18	observed no more than 44 persons present,
19	patrons.
20	MR. MILLER: Correct.
21	MEMBER CROCKETT: So they were in
22	agreement with the settlement agreement, which
23	says the occupancy is 44?
24	MR. MILLER: Correct.
25	MEMBER CROCKETT: However, they were

1	in violation of the license because there were
2	more than 44 chairs?
3	MR. MILLER: Correct.
4	MEMBER CROCKETT: You observed 87
5	chairs?
6	MR. MILLER: Correct.
7	MEMBER CROCKETT: And there were 87
8	chairs, which is a violation of ABRA's license,
9	which says 44 seats?
10	MR. MILLER: Correct.
11	MEMBER CROCKETT: So, I understand.
12	The settlement agreement identifies occupancy
13	MR. MILLER: Correct.
14	MEMBER CROCKETT: whereas the
15	license identifies seats.
16	MR. MILLER: Correct.
17	MEMBER CROCKETT: So they violated one
18	and not the other?
19	MR. MILLER: Yes, ma'am.
20	MEMBER CROCKETT: Thank you.
21	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.
23	MEMBER SHORT: To help you out if I
24	can, Investigator Miller.
25	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.

1	MEMBER SHORT: Occupancy means the
2	number of people. Occupancy means, occupant load
3	means the number of human beings allowed to be in
4	that business.
5	MR. MILLER: Correct.
6	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. So, if they had,
7	how many seats again?
8	MR. MILLER: Eighty-seven.
9	MEMBER SHORT: Eighty-seven seats.
10	You didn't think, well, you said that was a
11	violation, right?
12	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Did you notify the
14	owner at that time there was a violation?
15	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
16	MEMBER SHORT: And when you came back
17	again, the same violation where he hadn't removed
18	the seats apparently?
19	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
20	MEMBER SHORT: Did you ask him to
21	remove the seats?
22	MR. MILLER: As a ABRA Investigator I
23	cannot tell him to move his seats, I can just ask
24	him to come into compliance.
25	MEMBER SHORT: So he didn't come into

1	compliance?
2	MR. MILLER: No, sir.
3	MEMBER SHORT: So how many different
4	times did you go there and he did not come into
5	compliance about those seats?
6	MR. MILLER: As far as seating, I went
7	there inside three times. But two times out of
8	those three he was there. I seen him.
9	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. So the report
10	again, on page, this is at Page 12. Okay, no,
11	that didn't do it. 11. 11, okay.
12	11 is violations. That's
13	investigative history. But at any rate, 80 some
14	seats were there, right?
15	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
16	MEMBER SHORT: And so, I'm looking at
17	Page Number 8. That's where I want you to go.
18	If you would please go to Page 8.
19	So it looks like 17 visits were made,
20	correct?
21	MR. MILLER: I'm sorry?
22	MEMBER SHORT: Seventeen visits were
23	made. Page 8.
24	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
25	MEMBER SHORT: And every time whoever

1	went there found the same violation?
2	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
3	MEMBER SHORT: The same seating was
4	there that was not permitted by ABRA?
5	MR. MILLER: I cannot say there was 87
6	exactly because I'm not sure if they counted
7	them. But I know there was over 44 seating.
8	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. So this, on 17
9	different occasions. And an investigator told
10	him every time you have to get those extra seats
11	out of there. Did he ever do that?
12	MR. MILLER: Sir, I cannot speak for
13	other investigators on their conversations with
14	the Applicant, but the only times I can speak on
15	is the times I was there.
16	MEMBER SHORT: And how many times did
17	you ask him to put the proper amount of seats in?
18	MR. MILLER: I had a conversation
19	twice.
20	MEMBER SHORT: How many visits did you
21	make inside of the
22	MR. MILLER: Three.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Were there 80 some
24	seats there every time you went on all three
25	visits?

1	MR. MILLER: Fairly over, I know it
2	was fairly over about 50, 60 seats. Just even
3	just looking, not counting. It was more than 44.
4	MEMBER SHORT: So, your job as an
5	investigator is to see that the public is safe,
6	correct?
7	MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.
8	MEMBER SHORT: So, if there were more
9	than 44 seats there and he wasn't in compliance
10	with ABRA law or his agreement, is that correct?
11	MR. MILLER: He was not in compliance
12	with ABRA. But for as far as his settlement
13	agreement, he was in compliance.
14	MEMBER SHORT: I think that's a
15	conflict.
16	MR. MILLER: It's the verbiage in the
17	settlement agreement, sir.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, I'm not
19	going to confuse you any further, but the bottom
20	line is, did he ever come into compliance with
21	the seating, ever?
22	MR. MILLER: No, sir.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. That's all
24	I have, Mr. Chair.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other

questions by any of the Board Members? 1 2 All right. Ms. Yohannes, do you have 3 any questions you want to ask? 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION 5 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. So, to be clear, the reason you cited a substantial change, an 6 7 alleged substantial change violation, is that you repeatedly observed 44 empty chairs, or more than 8 9 44 empty chairs, is that correct? 10 MR. MILLER: For the record, it 11 doesn't have to be empty or filled, it just has 12 to be more than 44 seats. 13 MS. YOHANNES: So, the reason that you 14 cited it was because there were more than 44 15 seats? 16 MR. MILLER: Correct. 17 MS. YOHANNES: Chairs? 18 MR. MILLER: Correct. 19 MS. YOHANNES: Were those chairs 20 occupied? Were there more than 44 people in the 21 establishment at the time? 22 MR. MILLER: No, ma'am. 23 MS. YOHANNES: Can you tell me how 24 empty seats have a negative effect on peace, 25 order and quiet?

1	MR. MILLER: I cannot speak on that.
2	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Regarding the
3	establishment being a restaurant, isn't it true
4	that the regulations define what a restaurant is?
5	MR. MILLER: Yes, ma'am.
6	MS. YOHANNES: And isn't it true that
7	Champions is in compliance with the definition,
8	fits the definition of what a restaurant is
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Objection.
10	MS. YOHANNES: as defined?
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
12	nature of the objection?
13	MS. JEFFERSON: That the
14	qualifications for a restaurant extend beyond
15	matters that are listed in his report. Including
16	the quarterly reports.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, she's
18	asking him a question so if he can answer, he can
19	answer. If he can't answer it, then he can state
20	so.
21	MS. JEFFERSON: I just wanted to
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'm going
23	to overrule the objection.
24	MR. MILLER: I cannot answer.
25	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Regarding, going

1	back to occupancy. To be clear, you never the
2	Applicant to move the seats, did you?
3	MR. MILLER: I cannot tell the
4	Applicant to move anything, I can just ask them
5	to come into compliance.
6	MS. YOHANNES: So, you did not?
7	MR. MILLER: I can only ask him to
8	come into compliance?
9	MS. YOHANNES: Did you or did you not
10	ask and you did not, okay.
11	MR. MILLER: I just asked him to come
12	into compliance, ma'am.
13	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. Did you
14	know that he was represented by Counsel?
15	MR. MILLER: I did.
16	MS. YOHANNES: Did he indicate to you
17	that he was discussing the matter with his
18	attorneys?
19	MR. MILLER: He did.
20	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. No further
21	questions.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jefferson,
23	do you have any questions to ask the Witness?
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Mr. Miller, you
25	mentioned that you've only been in

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you pull
2	the microphone there.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Sorry.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, just speak
5	into the microphone. Or you can pull the
6	microphone closer to you. You can speak into
7	MS. JEFFERSON: I'll try
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, not that
9	one. That one
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, this is the
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: with the
12	light. Yes.
13	CROSS EXAMINATION
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank
15	you, Mr. Miller. Your previous testimony was
16	that you have only been with ABRA for five
17	months, is that correct?
18	MR. MILLER: Correct.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. How many prior
20	protest investigations have you performed on
21	behalf of ABRA?
22	MR. MILLER: None.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: So this was your
24	first?
25	MR. MILLER: Yes, ma'am.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You, earlier in
2	your testimony, you made a correction and I just
3	wanted to ask the Chair, Mr. Miller made some
4	corrections and I'm wondering if this is going to
5	come from my time, but there is some other
6	corrections that I would like to address so
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're cross
8	examining
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is from your
11	time, but if you need to cross examine him based
12	on his report, that's
13	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: your
15	prerogative.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay, thank you. So,
17	you made the correction on Page 2, and I believe
18	we all, you said that you were striking the part
19	that says, who was representing ANC 4A, is that
20	correct?
21	MR. MILLER: Correct.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That was the
24	recommendation of the Chair to make it clear.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: At the recommendation,
3	thank you. The, let's see, 5th paragraph, it
4	starts with Ms. Jefferson advised Investigator
5	Miller that ANC 4A does not want the
6	establishment operating until the early hour, the
7	early morning hours.
8	Your prior testimony was that I was
9	not representing the ANC 4A, so is that an error
10	as well?
11	MR. MILLER: That is an error.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And then the
13	next sentence says, Ms. Jefferson stated that ANC
14	4A wants the establishments hours to be
15	restricted. Is that an error as well?
16	MR. MILLER: No, ma'am.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So, on here you
18	said that you spoke with myself on the phone.
19	That was what your testimony was and that's what
20	we report. Was anyone else on the phone?
21	MR. MILLER: Yes, ma'am.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Who else was on the
23	phone? Can you identify them?
24	MR. MILLER: I can't remember his
25	name. It was a gentleman, I can't remember names

1	off the top of my head.
2	MR. BERGMAN: Just skip it.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Was Mr. Carl Bergman
4	and Ms. Paula Edwards on the line?
5	MR. MILLER: Yes, ma'am.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: And is there, what is
7	their rationale for them not being included in
8	your report?
9	MR. MILLER: I was using you as the,
10	because you were basically the spoke person for
11	them so I used you as the main person as focus.
12	Because you were the most of the voice on the
13	phone. They briefly had anything to say.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So is it an
15	accurate assessment to say that since there were
16	other persons on the phone that this doesn't
17	encapsulate everything that was taken?
18	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
20	nature of your objection?
21	MS. YOHANNES: Compound question.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
23	rule, she's not an attorney so I'm going to
24	overrule the objection. I mean, there is
25	MR. MILLER: I cannot state that if it

1	was a error or not because even if they had said
2	something, from the conversations on the phone,
3	that you localized it, the points, and then they
4	just reiterated the same thing.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So, you
6	mentioned that you did not see a school. Did you
7	walk around the neighborhood?
8	MR. MILLER: I did.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
10	MR. MILLER: And I stated that the
11	geographic information system states that there
12	was no schools.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: But did you happen to
14	see a school?
15	MR. MILLER: I seen a school.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: And where was that
17	school?
18	MR. MILLER: Fairly across the street.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. I would like to
20	present Exhibit 15.
21	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
22	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit No. 15
23	for identification.)
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Do I hand it to him,
25	is that what I do?

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you want to
2	show him something about Exhibit 15, yes.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Would you say this is
4	a
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Hold
6	on. Did it have, hold on, ma'am, I need to find
7	it, Counsel needs to find what Exhibit 15 is.
8	And so, can you, is your exhibits identified?
9	Okay. Okay.
10	Hold on. Let me figure out which is
11	your Exhibits.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Let me give him
13	Exhibits 14 and 15.
14	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
15	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit No. 14
16	for identification.)
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
18	exhibit are you
19	MEMBER SHORT: Can we see which
20	exhibit you're looking at? No, can you just hold
21	it up?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh. There's two of
23	them that look like this.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't even
25	know what Exhibit 15 is.

1	MEMBER WAHABZADAH: What was the
2	number?
3	MS. JEFFERSON: 15.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me, Ms.
5	Yohannes, if you have
6	(Off-mic comments.)
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. What
8	Exhibit 15 do you have? Why don't you show her
9	what has been identified as Exhibit 15.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Well, I gave her my
11	MS. YOHANNES: I have the same
12	exhibit. No yes, that's correct.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
14	sorry, so what's Exhibit 15? I'm not sure if I
15	have the document in front of me, so
16	All right. Are you in agreement what
17	Exhibit 15 is?
18	MS. YOHANNES: I am, yes.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are?
20	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: I have it labeled.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have an
24	extra copy?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, why don't
2	you give me an extra copy then. You can give it
3	to our General Counsel.
4	What exhibit are you on, 15?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, sir.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So,
7	what's Exhibit 15? Can you have the Witness
8	identify Exhibit 15?
9	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to object on
10	foundation and authenticity. I don't know, are
11	you about to show it to
12	MS. JEFFERSON: He's got it.
13	MS. YOHANNES: Does he have it?
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit
15	15? I mean, can you tell us what Exhibit 15 is?
16	MS. JEFFERSON: You want me to tell
17	you what Exhibit 15
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
19	Ms. JEFFERSON: Okay.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21	Hold on. All right, okay. What is Exhibit 15?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 15 is map from
23	bing.com that shows the school there.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's on the
25	back here.

MS. JEFFERSON: It's on the back. 1 2 MS. YOHANNES: So, again, I'm going to 3 object just because I don't know the investigator 4 is going to authenticate this. I don't know what 5 this is. I'm looking at it. She's saying it's a map, but I mean, I don't know what this is. 6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 7 I don't know what Exhibit 15 is. It doesn't make sense and 8 9 I'm not quite sure, that's not --But that's --10 11 MS. JEFFERSON: I want it to be 12 labeled properly. It's the school across the 13 street from Champion Kitchen. 14 MS. YOHANNES: And I'll object on 15 relevance as well. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 17 I don't know where we're overrule the objection. 18 going so I'll just give her some leeway but I'm 19 probably going, so -- All right, ask the 20 question. 21 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 23 overrule the objection. 24 MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned that you 25 saw a school across the street, does that, the

1	picture in front of you appear an accurate
2	assessment of how close the school may have been
3	to the establishment?
4	MR. MILLER: I cannot
5	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay, next question.
7	Have you read the settlement agreement?
8	MR. MILLER: I did.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. In Number 7 of
10	the settlement agreement it states that Champion
11	Kitchen agrees to strictly comply with all
12	knowledge and regulations with the District of
13	Columbia, Including the Alcoholic Beverage
14	Administration, the Department of Consumer and
15	Regulatory Affairs, Department of Health,
16	Department of Works and so on and so forth.
17	But on Page
18	PARTICIPANT: Ma'am, he got notice
19	today.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Now today you received
21	notice that there were violations from the
22	Department of Health, is that correct?
23	MR. MILLER: Correct.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: So, would that mean
25	PARTICIPANT: Don't worry about it.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: What were the
2	violations?
3	MR. MILLER: Sorry. It didn't state
4	the violations besides the smoking and tobacco.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Speak up a
6	little.
7	MR. MILLER: It didn't state the
8	violations besides stating the cease and desist
9	for smoking of tobacco inside the establishment.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Did you see
11	hookah while you were there?
12	MR. MILLER: I did.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: Did you see people
14	smoking?
15	MR. MILLER: Not to memory.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry, Chair.
17	MR. BERGMAN: Sorry, sir.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Article 7 also said,
19	in the settlement agreement, we just read it,
20	about violations of ABRA laws and regulations.
21	So, your previous testimony was that there was no
22	violation of the settlement agreement, which was
23	on Page 11.
24	So would you say that that is still
25	accurate?

1	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
3	nature of the objection?
4	MS. YOHANNES: Speculation. He just
5	indicated that he doesn't know what violations
6	there were with DOH
7	MR. BERGMAN: But he made a conclusion
8	
9	MS. YOHANNES: He's already answered
10	that question previously.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I'm going
12	to sustain the objection because the Witness
13	testified that, he previously testified that he
14	didn't know what the violations were so I don't
15	see how he can connect the two based on that, so
16	I'm going to sustain the object. So, move on
17	please.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: I was referring to the
19	part in Article 7 that said no violations of ABRA
20	
21	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: laws and
23	regulation.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But he said
25	that he did not know the nature of the violation

1 though. 2 MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry, Chair, I 3 wasn't clear. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's what he 5 had said, so therefore she objects so therefore 6 you cannot ask him specifics if he has already 7 stated that he doesn't know the nature of the violation. 8 9 So if he does not know the nature of the violation, he cannot state that there was a 10 11 violation of the settlement agreement. 12 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. My second 13 question is, Article 7 also says that Champion 14 Kitchen agrees to comply with all laws and 15 regulations with the District of Columbia, including the Alcoholic Beverage Administration. 16 17 Your previous testimony was that they were in violation. Is that correct? 18 19 MR. MILLER: Can you --20 MS. JEFFERSON: Due to the substantial 21 change on Page 8. 22 MR. MILLER: Correct. 23 MS. JEFFERSON: So, if our agreement 24 says that they should strictly comply, then is 25 your statement correct that there were no

1	violations of the settlement agreement?
2	MR. MILLER: Can you tell me what part
3	of the settlement agreement that was again?
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Number 7. In Number
5	7. It starts with, Champion Kitchen agrees to
6	strictly comply with all laws and regulation.
7	MR. MILLER: What was the question one
8	more time?
9	MS. JEFFERSON: The question was, that
10	if the settlement agreement states that they are
11	to strictly comply with all laws and regulations,
12	including the Alcoholic Beverage Administration,
13	however, your statement says that there were no
14	violations of the settlement agreement, is that
15	statement still correct? In light of what you
16	put on Page 8.
17	MR. MILLER: I cannot answer that, I'd
18	have to look back at their settlement agreement
19	with more time.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: My next question is
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Into the
22	microphone please. Into the microphone.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: You attached the
24	protest letter to your report, was this
25	everything with the protest report or were there

additional exhibits? 1 2 MR. MILLER: I would have to go back. 3 I haven't seen it in a while. MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. On Page 7 of 4 5 your report you mention that, under cuisines, 6 Champion Kitchen is a restaurant offering an 7 upscale Ethiopian menu with a touch of American 8 influence on specialty coffee. Is that your 9 direct observation or is that a quotation? 10 MR. MILLER: That's a quotation. 11 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You also talked 12 about the bus stops on Page 19 of your report. 13 Are you aware that there is a public hearing 14 tonight with metro for proposed changes to the S2 15 and S9 bus? 16 MR. MILLER: I was not. 17 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You also 18 mentioned that Champion Kitchen has ten parking 19 spots. However, we're talked about this 44 20 number quite often, is that sufficient to --21 Objection. MS. YOHANNES: 22 MS. JEFFERSON: -- accommodate 44? 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sustained. 24 Let's move on here. And I sustained the

objection, that's not his expertise.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: Do community members
2	always call the ABRA hotline when there are
3	issues?
4	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
5	MR. MILLER: I cannot answer that.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's move on.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: So, in here you
8	mention, on August 27th, that you contacted
9	Unified Communications. Is that correct?
10	MR. MILLER: Correct.
11	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. I'm trying to
12	find I would like to offer Exhibit 35 into
13	evidence. This is from a Freedom of Information
14	Act.
15	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
16	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit No. 35
17	for identification.)
18	MS. JEFFERSON: You said that there
19	were only
20	(Off-mic comment.)
21	MS. JEFFERSON: I request to add this
22	to the evidence. What is before you
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Ms.
24	Jefferson, all right.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: This was my last

1 question. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. Well, this 3 is our Witness and our Witness presented 4 information to state that this, he requested 5 information the District. This is the information that was provided to him. 6 7 If you want to provide additional, for 8 whatever time period you need in your 9 presentation, you can do that. But I'm not going 10 to have you pull another document out to, the 11 Board can only go with what's presented. 12 The testimony that I called, this is 13 what was presented to me. If you want to provide 14 on direct testimony something otherwise --15 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- then so be 17 it in the case in chief. 18 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 20 MS. JEFFERSON: So, can I ask my last 21 question? 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can ask 23 your last question. 24 MS. JEFFERSON: Well actually, I have 25 two questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You also need 1 2 to keep, as I said before, time is better used on 3 the direct examination questions rather than 4 cross examination. But go ahead. 5 MS. JEFFERSON: When we spoke on the phone you asked me for information I had 6 7 regarding 911 calls, is that correct? 8 MR. MILLER: Correct. 9 MS. JEFFERSON: The document that I 10 emailed you, did it have the same number of calls 11 that you presented in your report? 12 MR. MILLER: It did not. 13 MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you. No further 14 questions. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any 16 questions by any Board Members? 17 All right, thank you, Mr. Miller, you 18 can step down. 19 MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The time starts now in the same set. So each side 21 22 will be timed with the presentation of their 23 witnesses. And so, if you spend time cross 24 examining your witness, then be mindful that that 25 time will, it's coming from your time, okay?

1	So it's clear to both sides that
2	whatever cross examination that you will utilize,
3	that's coming from your 90 minutes, your
4	presentation. Your witness, ma'am.
5	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to call,
6	sorry, I'm trying to determine if my witnesses
7	need to leave. Court's indulgence.
8	I'm going to call Annette Young.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Young?
10	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
12	your right hand please?
13	WHEREUPON,
14	ANNETTE YOUNG
15	was called as a witness by Counsel for the and,
16	having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness
17	stand, was examined and testified as follows:
18	Ms. YOUNG: I do.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat.
20	It's your witness.
21	DIRECT EXAMINATION
22	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. For the
23	record, state your name?
24	MS. YOUNG: Excuse me, I'm a little
25	nervous. My name is Annette Young.

1 MS. YOHANNES: Ms. Young, how do you 2 know Champion Kitchen? 3 MS. YOUNG: I'm currently employed at 7731 Alaska Avenue. Our company is a non-profit, 4 5 homeownership organization. And basically, we've been there since 2015, approximately. 6 7 So with that being said, I know 8 Champion Kitchen, because I'm usually on the 9 location 12 hours a day, approximately. So with 10 that being said, I know Champion Kitchen because 11 of the food and, basically, I know the owner. 12 MS. YOHANNES: So do you patronize 13 Champion Kitchen often? 14 MS. YOUNG: I do. My colleagues, 15 there's approximately 12 co-workers in our 16 office. So we do patronize between the five days 17 a week that we're there, maybe 20 times a week. 18 MS. YOHANNES: And can you tell me 19 what are the hours that you're there working? 20 MS. YOUNG: We average from 8 o'clock 21 a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. We're a homeownership 22 program. We have people come in for appointments 23 throughout the course of the day. So what we 24 provide is we're a non-profit organization for

neighborhood stabilization, homeownership

1	revitalization in the District of Columbia,
2	Maryland, and Virginia.
3	MS. YOHANNES: And to your knowledge,
4	when you patronize Champion Kitchen, do you do so
5	between those hours, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
6	MS. YOUNG: Usually early evenings, we
7	have during the afternoon on occasions, opened,
8	we've gone there.
9	MS. YOHANNES: Is music being played?
10	MS. YOUNG: Not during business hours
11	that really -
12	MS. YOHANNES: Do you have any, have
13	you observed, being in the area, have you
14	observed any issues regarding violence?
15	MS. YOUNG: None whatsoever.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Objection.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
18	nature of the objection?
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Are you speaking of
20	violence in the area or violence related to
21	Champion Kitchen?
22	MS. YOHANNES: Violence related to
23	Champion Kitchen?
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Answer the
25	question if you can, ma'am.

	MS. FOUNG: NO, VIOLENCE related to
2	Champion Kitchen at all. Violence in the area, I
3	can't say. Georgia Avenue is further down. I
4	don't know. But if you're asking about Champion
5	Kitchen, no.
6	MS. YOHANNES: And being that you're a
7	nearby establishment, do you believe that
8	Champion Kitchen has any negative impact on the
9	area.
10	MS. YOUNG: None whatsoever, it's
11	positive.
12	MS. YOHANNES: Any negative impact on
13	your business?
14	MS. YOUNG: None whatsoever. On
15	occasion, we'll sneak in. You're smiling, we have
16	a lot of people coming in. So that's just
17	sometimes during the day. He does allow us to on
18	occasion. We try not to overdo it, but on
19	occasion we do. It is a private bar though, so.
20	MS. YOHANNES: Because you're a
21	non-profit organization?
22	MS. YOUNG: Yes.
23	MS. YOHANNES: All right, no further
24	questions.
25	MS. YOUNG: Thank you kindly.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,
2	ma'am.
3	CROSS EXAMINATION
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Your previous
5	testimony you said that Champion Kitchen is open
6	from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.?
7	MS. YOUNG: No. I'm, the business,
8	our staff, me and my colleagues are there.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: And how do you know
10	the owner?
11	MS. YOUNG: I know him through, he's
12	been next door. We've been there when he came.
13	I'm, like, oh, you own the restaurant. What's
14	going on with your restaurant?
15	MS. JEFFERSON: And is it your
16	testimony that you are not there after 9:00 p.m.?
17	MS. YOUNG: No, it's not. We are
18	there on occasion later than 9:00.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: After midnight?
20	MS. YOUNG: Certainly. I've been
21	there past mid-night, because I've been at the
22	establishment past midnight.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: No further questions.
24	MS. YOUNG: Thank you.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And

1	MS. YOUNG: Sir?
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, you are
3	dismissed when I tell you you're dismissed.
4	MS. YOUNG: I apologize, Mr. Anderson.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Are
6	there any questions by any Board members? I hear
7	none. Ms. Young, thank you very much for your
8	testimony. You can -
9	MS. YOUNG: I'm officially dismissed?
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.
11	Thank you very much
12	MS. YOUNG: Thank you kindly.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: for your
14	testimony.
15	MS. YOUNG: Thank you.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have
17	another witness?
18	MS. YOHANNES: I do. I'm going to
19	call David Andrews.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Andrews,
21	can you raise your right hand, please.
22	WHEREUPON,
23	DAVID ANDREWS
24	was called as a witness by Counsel for the and,
25	having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness

1	stand, was examined and testified as follows:
2	MR. ANDREWS: I do.
3	DIRECT EXAMINATION
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat
5	here with me.
6	MS. YOHANNES: Can you tell me what
7	your relationship is to Champion Kitchen?
8	MR. ANDREWS: I own the company that
9	provides the security.
10	MS. YOHANNES: And what company is
11	that?
12	MR. ANDREWS: Prestige Event
13	Management.
14	MS. YOHANNES: And how long have you
15	provided services to Champion Kitchen?
16	MR. ANDREWS: I believe February of
17	2018. And I also provided security for his
18	establishment before that.
19	MS. YOHANNES: Can you tell me what
20	type of services do you provide exactly, how many
21	security personnel?
22	MR. ANDREWS: He sticks to industry
23	standards, which is one security for every 50 to
24	70 customers. So we usually have two in there on
25	our weekends, unless he gets crowded on weekdays,

from 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. on weekends. So one at the door searching, checking IDs, looking through bags, doing pat downs. It's only one level, so everyone's in line of sight. And the other guys are at the end of the venue. So they patrol back and forth.

MS. YOHANNES: And can you tell the Board a bit about your background and experience with providing security to establishments?

MR. ANDREWS: I've been doing security for over 30 years. I was doing it before the drinking age turned 21. I haven't worked myself in the past six years, but I have run security for every major venue in the DMV.

My first contract was Republic Gardens right after Marc Barnes told him to buy Dream. I had Tabaq for seven years, Bistro La Bon, Bistro Bistro, Cities, SAX, Oye's, SEI, Stonefish, Pasha, several lounges now throughout DC. So I've been doing this for a long time.

MS. YOHANNES: So you said that there are two security personnel at the establishment. The security personnel in the front, can you tell us what he does?

MR. ANDREWS: He checks everyone's ID.

He lets one person in at a time, because there's 1 2 a foyer before the main entrance. He stops them 3 there, checks their ID. If the ID is good, he does a pat down 4 5 for the men from collar to ankle checking for weapons of course, and alcohol, and drugs, and 6 7 smoking paraphernalia, any of that. Then if 8 there's a female, he can't pat her down, so he 9 takes a flashlight and looks through her bag, also searches the bags of the DJs or whoever else 10 11 that come in with a bag. That's it. And, of 12 course, makes sure no alcohol goes out. 13 MS. YOHANNES: And you said, to be 14 clear, you provide services seven days a week? 15 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. 16 MS. YOHANNES: So even on slow days 17 you provide services? 18 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. Eyob's good about 19 that, they want security there no matter what. 20 They understand the value of that, even if it's 21 just the presence. 22 MS. YOHANNES: So tell me more about 23 that, and your relationship or your knowledge of 24 Eyob and him as an operator. 25 MR. ANDREWS: He wants to go by the

book. He doesn't want any violations. He understands there are people trying to shut him down from the beginning. My security, at the end of each night, they patrol the small parking lot, walk all the way around it, make sure no one's loitering, playing their music too loud. So that's never an issue.

They have a police detail on the weekends now. But even before that, I provided a parking lot security who's out in the car to make sure that people didn't loiter and do the same thing.

Just on the downtown Silver Spring side. I'm three blocks away, all right. So I know the neighborhood. I know the area. I walk there periodically, at least five, six times every two weeks. I have other clients on that strip as well. So I know the area.

MS. YOHANNES: And to your knowledge, has Champion Kitchen ever been an issue for your security personnel, in that they've said anything negative or

MR. ANDREWS: First of all, you can't hear the music outside. You just can't. There's

no way to hear the music outside. I think I may 1 2 have had, in the entire time we've been there, 3 one fight. And it wasn't even customers. It was 4 homeless people, vagrants walking up and down the 5 street harassing people if they tried to go in. And my security ran them off. And 6 7 they ended up fighting each other outside. 8 There's never been a physical issue, or noise, or 9 anything at Champion. He's one of my better clients like that. 10 11 And that's the way the building's 12 built, you cannot hear the noise. Any noise 13 complaints, I would ask for was a record produced 14 by someone with a noise machine. Because you 15 can't hear it. 16 MS. YOHANNES: No further questions. 17 Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir? 19 MR. ANDREWS: Oh, I'm sorry. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I thought I made 21 it clear that, sir, you cannot leave until I tell 22 you you can leave, okay? 23 MR. ANDREWS: My apologies. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And all the 25 witnesses, you cannot leave until I tell you you

1	can leave, okay.
2	MR. ANDREWS: My apologies.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,
4	Ms. Jefferson.
5	CROSS EXAMINATION
6	MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned several
7	other places where you worked.
8	MR. ANDREWS: Yes.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Were those night
10	clubs?
11	MR. ANDREWS: Night clubs,
12	restaurants, lounges, hotels.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. When you said
14	that you worked at one of his prior
15	establishments, which establishment was that?
16	MR. ANDREWS: Champions on the Silver
17	Spring side.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Speak into the
19	microphone. We can barely hear you.
20	MR. ANDREWS: Champions on the Silver
21	Spring side of Georgia Avenue.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: And were you
23	performing security on the night of, in or around
24	December 13th when there was a stabbing there?
25	MR. ANDREWS: It wasn't a stabbing

1	there. The stabbing actually was from Betty's
2	Gojo. I know that, because they came to me. And
3	now they're my client as well. Because I had to
4	get them straight.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. I meant to
6	say December of 2015, not 2018.
7	MR. ANDREWS: Oh. No.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: I would like to
9	present into evidence Exhibit 3 which was a news
10	article about a triple stabbing at a Georgia
11	Avenue business that was Mr. Worku's prior
12	establishment.
13	MS. YOHANNES: What exhibit is this?
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 3.
15	MEMBER CROCKETT: Is this the client
16	establishment or the previous -
17	MEMBER CATO: No, I'm not sure how
18	that's relevant.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: The previous, the one
20	that he said that he worked at.
21	MR. ANDREWS: No, I never worked at
22	either of the places. I provided the security.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay, provided the
24	security.
25	MR. ANDREWS: Right.

MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Did you -
MS. YOHANNES: No, wait. Sorry, let
me
MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 3.
MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I mean,
the, all right. Is there a question regarding
Exhibit 3? Is there -
MS. JEFFERSON: Was he working
security the night in question with the triple
stabbing?
MR. ANDREWS: No, he was not. No, in
2015 he was not a client.
MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned checking
IDs, going through purses, patting down people.
Is that typical protocol of a fine dining
restaurant, one that has -
MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
MS. JEFFERSON: upscale cuisine?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
nature of the objection?
MS. YOHANNES: Fine dining assumes

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
2	Miller testified that it was a -
3	MS. YOHANNES: Fine dining?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That was, what
5	-
6	MS. YOHANNES: Oh, that's from, excuse
7	me, offering upscale Ethiopian menu with a touch
8	of American influence and -
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10	MS. YOHANNES: And it's outside the
11	scope of direct.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
13	sustain the objection. Let's move on. Remember,
14	you're asking questions based on the questions
15	that were asked by Counsel.
16	MR. ANDREWS: I would say that it is a
17	-
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sorry, there
19	are no questions on the table. If there's an
20	objection, you don't answer the question until I
21	tell you. Then you can answer the question. So
22	either if you're testifying, and someone says an
23	objection, then you stop until I rule on the
24	objection. Then I can instruct you with how you
25	should proceed.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: How do you determine
2	how many number of security personnel there
3	should be?
4	MR. ANDREWS: By capacity.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can the parties
6	please speak up, please?
7	(Simultaneous speaking.)
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I said the
9	parties, so I need both parties to speak up.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: By capacity?
11	MR. ANDREWS: Yes.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: So what determines
13	whether you will need one or two? Is there a
14	specific number?
15	MR. ANDREWS: Well, you always have
16	one for the door.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
18	MR. ANDREWS: And generally, that
19	person cannot leave the door. Because if someone
20	comes in without being searched, he could walk
21	out with alcohol. And I try to always have at
22	least one person to back them up.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Is that always?
24	MR. ANDREWS: No, not always.
25	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Overruled.
2	MR. ANDREWS: Like I said, the
3	industry standard is one security for every 50 to
4	70 customers.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Fifty to 70?
6	MR. ANDREWS: Correct, depending on
7	the type of crowd.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: Depending on the type
9	of crowd.
10	MR. ANDREWS: If there's no dance
11	floor there, you know, it's not a rowdy crowd.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: So why do you, can you
13	please share with us why you believe you need two
14	if there's only 44?
15	MR. ANDREWS: Better be prepared for
16	the worst.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: The worst.
18	MR. ANDREWS: Better to be prepared
19	for the worst.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. No further
21	questions.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
23	by any Board members?
24	MEMBER SHORT: I have one.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

1	MEMBER SHORT: Good evening. So what
2	is your name again, sir?
3	MR. ANDREWS: David.
4	MEMBER SHORT: David, last name?
5	MR. ANDREWS: Andrews.
6	MEMBER SHORT: David Andrews, okay.
7	Mr. Andrews, what's the latest you've worked at
8	this restaurant?
9	MR. ANDREWS: I have never worked
10	there. I haven't been working myself except for
11	the BET awards in the past six years. I just run
12	the company.
13	MEMBER SHORT: What is the latest that
14	your staff has worked there?
15	MR. ANDREWS: Three a.m.
16	MEMBER SHORT: Three a.m. Have you
17	ever been there when someone was smoking a hookah
18	pipe?
19	MR. ANDREWS: Yes.
20	MEMBER SHORT: How often do they smoke
21	hookah pipes there?
22	MR. ANDREWS: I have no idea. I've
23	been in there, I mean, when I go, I don't smoke
24	hookah. When I go I may have a drink or have

pay attention to who's smoking hookah, or how 1 2 often, or even, mostly I've been in the office 3 with him having a talk. I don't always sit out 4 with the rest of the customers. 5 Well, you might not MEMBER SHORT: remember me, but I used to work for the DC Fire 6 7 Department as a fire inspector. In fact, I used 8 to be at Marc Barnes' Republic Gardens when it 9 first opened up quite a bit. 10 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. 11 MEMBER SHORT: I was there the night 12 when Mike Tyson had the birthday party there, but 13 14 MR. ANDREWS: That was before my time. 15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Not a problem. 16 (Laughter.) 17 MR. ANDREWS: I got here literally, 18 like, three months after he sold it to Burton 19 Juan (phonetic). So I was never there when Marc 20 Barnes was there. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So what 22 we're trying to establish, this is a restaurant. 23 And your people are there until 3 o'clock in the 24 morning. 25 MR. ANDREWS: Well, on weekends,

Friday, and Saturday. Sunday through Thursday 1 it's until 2:00 a.m. 2 3 MEMBER SHORT: So you can get a meal at 3 o'clock in the morning or 2:30 in the 4 5 morning? MR. ANDREWS: Well, I think the 6 7 kitchen closes, like, 30 minutes before then. 8 Because usually, my employees usually order some 9 food to take with them when they leave. So the 10 people are still out there at that time. 11 MEMBER SHORT: And I guess someone's 12 already asked you this question, but you named a 13 lot of businesses. You mentioned Republic 14 Gardens and few others. 15 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. 16 MEMBER SHORT: Are those night clubs 17 or restaurants? 18 MR. ANDREWS: Bistro Bistro is a 19 restaurant, Bistro La Bon, next to Tabaq, was a 20 restaurant. Tabaq had a tavern license, I 21 believe. But they operated as a restaurant all 22 the time. What else, the Beacon Hotel, the hotel 23 and restaurant by there. 24 MEMBER SHORT: Well, how many 25 restaurants do you go to that you get patted down

1	when you go in -
2	MR. ANDREWS: Anytime they have, well,
3	for the restaurants, it depends if they're having
4	an event or not. But anytime they want security,
5	they want someone patted down.
6	MEMBER SHORT: What's the largest
7	number of people that your company has helped
8	this business with?
9	MR. ANDREWS: As far as patrons?
10	MEMBER SHORT: Yes.
11	MR. ANDREWS: I guess, outside of a
12	concert, Ibiza, which was, I believe, 3,700
13	capacity.
14	MEMBER SHORT: You were talking about
15	this particular business.
16	MR. ANDREWS: Oh, you mean how many
17	customers have been in there?
18	MEMBER SHORT: What's the largest
19	number of customers you've -
20	MR. ANDREWS: I don't know.
21	MEMBER SHORT: Or your -
22	MR. ANDREWS: I don't know.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Would you say 50, would
24	you say 60?
25	MR. ANDREWS: I'd say 50.

1	MEMBER SHORT: Has it ever been any
2	larger than 50?
3	MR. ANDREWS: I haven't done a count,
4	so I can't say that.
5	MEMBER SHORT: Does anybody do the
6	counting? Does your people at the door security,
7	do they have a clicker so you know when you're
8	over capacity?
9	MR. ANDREWS: Generally, the owners
10	let them know when to shut it down.
11	MEMBER SHORT: Excuse me?
12	MR. ANDREWS: The owners let them know
13	when to stop letting people in. Eyob was on the
14	camera the whole time. So he sees the amount of
15	people that are coming in.
16	MEMBER SHORT: Well, I understand
17	that. But if you count them when they come in,
18	like most restaurants or night clubs do
19	MR. ANDREWS: Yes.
20	MEMBER SHORT: then you'll know -
21	MR. ANDREWS: He had not gone over
22	capacity.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Excuse me?
24	MR. ANDREWS: He has not gone over
25	capacity. The security has counters.

1	MEMBER SHORT: So you said 50. Is
2	that over capacity for him?
3	MR. ANDREWS: That's coming and going.
4	At one time, all at one time is probably less
5	than that. But coming and going throughout the
6	night, I'm sure it's more than 50.
7	MEMBER SHORT: That's all I have.
8	Thank you, Mr. Chair.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
10	questions by any of the Board members?
11	Ms. Jefferson, do you have any
12	questions to ask the Witness based on the
13	questions that were asked by the Board?
14	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Are you aware that
16	Champion Kitchen was secured?
17	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: He provided security.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sustained.
20	There were no questions asked by the Board about
21	the security. Remember, you're asking questions
22	based on the questions that were asked by the
23	Board members. This is not an opportunity to
24	have a second bite of the apple.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: No further questions.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
2	questions based on the questions that were asked
3	by the Board?
4	MS. YOHANNES: No questions.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
6	Thank you, Mr. Andrews, for your testimony. You
7	can step down. Thank you.
8	Do you have another witness?
9	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to call Eyob
10	Worku.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
12	your right hand, please?
13	WHEREUPON,
14	EYOB WORKU
15	was called as a witness by Counsel for the and,
16	having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness
17	stand, was examined and testified as follows:
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a seat.
19	It sounds like you might have a soft voice. So,
20	make sure that you speak into the microphone, so
21	we can all hear you.
22	DIRECT EXAMINATION
23	MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Worku, tell me
24	about your connection to this application.
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23	MR. WORKU: I'm the owner of Champion

Kitchen.
MS. YOHANNES: And tell me about
Champion Kitchen. What type of establishment is
it?
MR. WORKU: It's American-Ethiopian
restaurant. It's food. Just like restaurant, we
serve American and Ethiopian food.
MS. YOHANNES: Okay. What type of
food do you serve? Or what kind of food? Give
me some entrees.
MR. WORKU: We have burger, wings,
french fries, injera. There's a lot.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
you, sir. I don't understand what you're saying.
So, speak slower or louder, so I can hear you,
sir, pleas.
MR. WORKU: Okay. We serve different
kind of food. Like, say the burger, wings,
french fries, and Ethiopian food too.
MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
MR. WORKU: Injera.
MS. YOHANNES: May I approach the
witness?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure.

1	what's been marked as Exhibit 20. Can you tell
2	me what that is?
3	MR. WORKU: That's a Champion menu.
4	That's chicken wing, and sambusa, and a burger.
5	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
6	document was marked as Applicant Exhibit 20 for
7	identification.)
8	BY MS. YOHANNES:
9	MS. YOHANNES: And is that a menu that
LO	you have available to patrons throughout the
L1	evening?
L <b>2</b>	MR. WORKU: Yes.
L3	MS. YOHANNES: Throughout your time of
L <b>4</b>	operation?
L5	MR. WORKU: Yes.
L6	MS. YOHANNES: When does your kitchen
L <b>7</b>	close?
L8	MR. WORKU: Thirty minute or 15 minute
L9	to closing the whole time. Sometimes they do it
20	until closing. They will, everybody stay there.
21	We're going to close it up together.
22	MS. YOHANNES: How long have you
23	operated Champion Kitchen?
24	MR. WORKU: Two and a half year.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How long?

1	MR. WORKU: Two and a half years.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
3	MS. YOHANNES: And when you opened
4	Champions what was your intention? What was your
5	concept at the time?
6	MR. WORKU: When I look at the place
7	is, we'd have little bit of space, you know,
8	parking lot, maybe ten as close to 11 parking
9	space. Then I try to bring that down around to,
10	starting from 12 o'clock to closing time was
11	When I was opening the restaurant we
12	tried to open for five or six months, starting
13	for 2 o'clock to closing. But no one's open the
14	door until 5:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. But we're
15	struggling for to keep the business to daytime
16	too. But after that we're starting open at 4
17	o'clock to still closing.
18	MS. YOHANNES: So, currently what
19	hours does your license allow you to have?
20	MR. WORKU: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
21	Friday and Saturday. Thursday to Sunday 12:00
22	p.m. to 2 o'clock.
23	MS. YOHANNES: And to be clear, I
24	think you just stated. But your current hours
25	that you're actually operating are Sunday to

1	Thursday 4:00 p.m. 2:00 a.m.?
2	MR. WORKU: Yes.
3	MS. YOHANNES: And Friday and Saturday
4	4:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.?
5	MR. WORKU: Yes. But we stop liquor
6	before hour, before closing.
7	MS. YOHANNES: As the owner of
8	Champion Kitchen how often are you at the
9	establishment?
10	MR. WORKU: Seven days a week.
11	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. And when, and is
12	that open to close?
13	MR. WORKU: Yes. Open to close.
14	MS. YOHANNES: When you're not there
15	who's in charge? Who's the manager?
16	MR. WORKU: I have two employees that
17	have ABC manager license.
18	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
19	MR. WORKU: Most of the time I be
20	there.
21	MS. YOHANNES: So, can you describe
22	the premises for me, the area, interior of the
23	establishment?
24	MR. WORKU: Champion Kitchen was
25	established on 2,500 square feet. As, we have

nice wide, nice view window. Has nice porch. 1 2 Well, everything is, when I look at, this like 3 owner, is good restaurant. Well --MS. YOHANNES: Okay. And I would like 4 5 to show you what's been marked as Exhibit 2. going to actually show you a couple of exhibits. 6 7 What's been marked as Exhibit 2, Exhibit 17, and 8 Exhibit 18. Look through all of them. 9 Starting with Exhibit 2, tell me what 10 that is. Can you explain? And you can actually 11 take a look at all of them. And identify which 12 ones your looking at when you answer the 13 question. So, explain to the Board, you know, as 14 you walk inside your premises, what's there? 15 (Whereupon, the above-referred to 16 documents were marked as Applicant Exhibits 2, 17 17, and 18 for identification.) 18 MR. WORKU: When you walk --19 MS. YOHANNES: What is that actually? 20 MR. WORKU: This one for the seat, 21 when you're getting on the restaurant, on the 22 left side of the premises. That's the bar. And 23 that are chairs on the other side, on the left 24 side. 25 MS. YOHANNES: And you're looking at

	Exhibit 2?
2	MR. WORKU: Yes. This one is the
3	middle of the restaurant.
4	MS. YOHANNES: And Exhibit 17?
5	MR. WORKU: Yes. This one is, Exhibit
6	17 is same thing, is the middle of the
7	restaurant, and the right side of the bar.
8	MS. YOHANNES: And that's what your
9	premises, that's how your establishment looks
10	now, right?
11	MR. WORKU: Yes.
12	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to also show
13	you what's been marked as Exhibit 23. I'm going
14	to move all these exhibits in at the end.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's that?
16	MS. YOHANNES: 23. Can you tell me
17	what that is?
18	MR. WORKU: That, before we change the
19	chair this, the middle of the sofa. But because
20	of the committee goes in to, I have to put the
21	tables on the middle. Then I change it to, this
22	the previous picture before we change it.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I don't
24	think I have 23. You got 23?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Object. It wasn't 23?

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: I don't think that one
3	is 23.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Exhibit
5	23?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Are you speaking of my
7	exhibit?
8	MS. YOHANNES: No. I'm speaking of my
9	exhibit.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Exhibit
11	23?
12	MS. YOHANNES: Board's indulgence.
13	It's supposed to say, I thought my post, maybe my
14	post doesn't. Well, I've showed it to the
15	witness. Can I show it to SPCA? It's supposed
16	to be a old sofa.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can show it
18	to the witness. But there's, I don't have
19	Exhibit 23. So, I'm going to scratch Exhibit 23.
20	So, I'm not going to allow it to be moved into
21	evidence if it wasn't disclosed. But you can
22	MS. JEFFERSON: It's on here. I
23	looked at it.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't
25	have 23. But so, go ahead.

MS. YOHANNES: So, when was that? Can you just explain to the Board? I think you did.

But explain more of when the establishment looked like that, and the changes.

MR. WORKU: I think this, I don't

MR. WORKU: I think this, I don't exactly, for November last year, you know. After November we meet with SPCA members. And they complained about for the place.

And I have to put in those round tables on the middle. That I share their concern that I'm moving to this couch. And I put it up for a lot of high top chairs for the middle.

(Off-mic comments)

MS. YOHANNES: And you referred to a meeting in November. Can you explain more about what this meeting in November was about, and who it was with?

MR. WORKU: Yes. Five of them from the SPCA. I think Mark? I forget their name.

They were there because of the, how we were working with the committee. What they have issue about Champion Kitchen for serving the public.

Whatever they have then, you know, to sort of just work with the community. I invited them to, with my lawyer, to sit down and talk,

1	you know, for what the issue they have.
2	That's when say, you know, the only
3	thing they have now is, I did the noise. I did
4	whatever they said. And I did it. I just told
5	the soundproof thingy.
6	Then the meeting they say is, now to
7	change the meter. When you get in you see couch
8	in the middle. That no looks good for night
9	restaurant. I said I accept that one. And I
10	change it to high top chairs. I move the sofa.
11	I move it out.
12	MS. YOHANNES: So, let's go back to
13	the, your actual license, and what you have for
14	your license. Do you have entertainment?
15	MR. WORKU: Yes, I do.
16	MS. YOHANNES: What type of
17	entertainment do you have?
18	MR. WORKU: DJ.
19	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Do you have live
20	bands?
21	MR. WORKU: No.
22	MS. YOHANNES: Do you have cover
23	charges?
24	MR. WORKU: No.
25	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. So, you don't

1 have these endorsements? And you've never had, 2 you never actually charge people, do you? 3 MR. WORKU: No. Because of that I sign the settlement agreement, they give me on 4 5 some corners. But outside of that we know that much, you know, for to -- And they were signing 6 7 the settlement agreement, you know. 8 That's the first time when visiting my 9 restaurant that I can't advertise my businesses 10 on social media. No cover charge, 44 peoples, 11 and that, to say, they're putting me in some 12 I cannot do anything. I have to follow 13 the settlement agreement. 14 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Tell me about 15 what, have you done anything to mitigate any 16 noise concerns, because you have entertainment? 17 MR. WORKU: Yes. When I was open it 18 19 MS. JEFFERSON: Objection. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the 21 nature of the objection? 22 MS. JEFFERSON: Where's the noise that 23 she's referring to? 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 25 overrule you on the objection. She asked a

general question. Have you done anything to mitigate? And please answer. And on cross examination you can ask questions regarding that. Go ahead and answer, please.

MR. WORKU: Yes. Across the street his name's James, you know. That's one of the reason I don't. They're living to, I working with him just like, it's not only as a committee member. But like it's my big brothers, you know.

He told me that whenever he heard it, you know, he text me. We got to solve this problem for the noises. But I address for find out for the panels to soundproof thing. It cost me almost \$20,000 something thousand dollars to put it for the sound, turn the sound down.

Then the other thing, I put in mixers, you know, mixer for turn the volume up within my office. And the only person, I'm going to control the volume. That way we solve the problem. After that I never heard anything more for the noise.

MS. YOHANNES: Well, I am going to show you what's been marked as Exhibit, I'm going to show you if your exhibits have been marked, Exhibit 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Can you take a look at

1	those as a whole? And can you tell me what that
2	is?
3	MR. WORKU: Yes. That's soundproof
4	interior, interior panels. The one, is help me
5	for to, the soundproofing.
6	MS. YOHANNES: And when did you
7	install this?
8	MR. WORKU: December 17, I think '15
9	or something. That I don't remember.
10	MS. YOHANNES: 2000? I'm sorry?
11	MR. WORKU: 2000 I think '17.
12	MS. YOHANNES: '17?
13	MR. WORKU: Yes.
14	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. And can you say
15	again why you installed this?
16	MR. WORKU: Because of, I heard, you
17	know, for, it's not that much thinking about it,
18	you know. For I had to, one of them my neighbor
19	next door, closer to my restaurant, he complain
20	about noises.
21	Then I was talking to him, how can we
22	get it solved? I told him, you know, I'm going
23	to put in, you know, the soundproof. There's an
24	apartment. I did that one then. I go back to
25	him. He say, after that we solve the problems.

1	MS. YOHANNES: Who is this neighbor
2	that you're referring to?
3	MR. WORKU: James.
4	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
5	MR. WORKU: I never know his last
6	name.
7	MS. YOHANNES: And did James have your
8	contact information, your telephone number?
9	MR. WORKU: Yes, he did. He used to,
10	like that day he text me. Whenever he heard it
11	he text me for it.
12	MS. YOHANNES: So, you did this in
13	result of that?
14	MR. WORKU: Yes.
15	MS. YOHANNES: So you can help
16	MR. WORKU: Because I want to work
17	with the committee without, so maybe I can
18	survive. I have a ten years lease. The rent's
19	expensive. So, I have to survive on top of this.
20	I'm not working for a million or
21	anything. But I want to just, you know, feed my
22	kids. I want to work hard seven days a week for
23	two and a half years.
24	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. I'm also going
25	to show you what's been marked as Exhibit 1.

1	MR. WORKU: That's the one we
2	MS. YOHANNES: Hold on. Hold on. Let
3	me ask the question.
4	MR. WORKU: Sorry.
5	MS. YOHANNES: Can you tell me what
6	that is? And tell me what that is. Do you
7	recognize the document?
8	MR. WORKU: That's the one, we use the
9	banner to help for us out the soundproof.
10	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
11	documents were marked as Applicant Exhibits 4, 5,
12	7, 8, and 9 for identification.)
13	MS. YOHANNES: And you got that from
14	the sound engineer, or the sound technician?
15	MR. WORKU: Yes. He working for, he
16	got up everything by himself, you know, he's
17	doing. And we search this one. It's going to
18	cost a lot. That's why because of
19	MS. YOHANNES: And that's where the
20	document came from?
21	MR. WORKU: Yes. That, the document.
22	MS. YOHANNES: So, after you installed
23	the wall, the sound mitigation, the panels, did
24	you receive any other noise complaints?
25	MR. WORKU: No.

1 MS. YOHANNES: Have you been contacted 2 by SPCA regarding noise, or anything else in the 3 past year? MR. WORKU: No. 4 5 MS. YOHANNES: So, tell me about Do you have parking for your patrons? 6 parking. 7 MR. WORKU: Yes, I do. 8 MS. YOHANNES: Where's the parking? 9 MR. WORKU: Twelve parking. And on 10 Georgia side with the parking, our closest three 11 shopping center parking. And we have a sign to 12 our parking's limited. We recommend our 13 customers to use other transportation. 14 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. I want to go 15 back and talk more about your relationship with 16 the community. Can you, tell the Board, you 17 know, how long you've been in communication with 18 the community Boards, SPCA and ANC. 19 MR. WORKU: Before I was opening the 20 place me and Jackson, we do somehow everything 21 that was the committee, the SPCA. And until now 22 I like, you know, we communicate with them. MS. YOHANNES: And --23 24 MR. WORKU: And we, whenever they have 25 posted, still, whenever they break it I'll do it.

Whatever, because the committee they say, you know, we have to put in flower and road signs, you know, for -- Yes, I did.

And we have to put in sign, because of visible there. The pedestrian they bothering, you know, who are live there, I think. And they don't want to just, you know, put in the middle. They want it just, you know, high top --

They didn't want to see couch in the middle. And they want to just put in like restaurant, and put in tables. I did. And the sound complaints I did that.

Whatever they comes from the committee I want to just work with them. That's the main thing, you know, for -- Still, why I'm here, you know, for, because of, whatever they have complaint, I want to just work with the committee.

Because I have ten years lease. I cannot walk out from that place. I spent a lot of money for to build it with nothing to something, you know, for the -- When you see it, the place, you know, for used to, they know how the place was. That I change it.

But still, I'm happy to work with the

1	committee. And the part of the committee where I
2	know this. For ten years I be there, you know,
3	I'm going to be there, you know, I have to finish
4	my lease.
5	MS. YOHANNES: So
6	MR. WORKU: That's the thing, you
7	know, there's a committee for I working with
8	Stacey Lincoln. Is close to me. When we have
9	issue he let me know just, you know, whatever.
10	I'm going to, I'm happy to work with the
11	committee whenever they
12	MS. YOHANNES: You know Stacey
13	Lincoln?
14	MR. WORKU: Yes. Mr. Lincoln is here.
15	MS. YOHANNES: And he's from, where's
16	he from?
17	MR. WORKU: Shepherd Park. He's a
18	commissioner.
19	MS. YOHANNES: All right. And did the
20	ANC protest?
21	MR. WORKU: Yes.
22	MS. YOHANNES: The ANC?
23	MR. WORKU: No. The ANC, no protest.
24	MS. YOHANNES: The SPCA?
25	MR. WORKU: The SPCA.

1 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. I want to go 2 back to the November meeting that you referred 3 to, and show you what's been marked as Exhibit 12. Sorry, Exhibit 13 and 14, as well as Exhibit 4 5 19. So, 13, 14, and 19. Can you tell me what that is? 6 7 are you looking at in terms of those exhibits as a whole? Just tell me the exhibit number as 8 9 you're looking at it. 10 (Whereupon, the above-referred to 11 documents were marked as Applicant Exhibits 13, 12 14, and 19 for identification.) 13 MR. WORKU: This one is the front 14 door, the one we put in, you know, for every, 15 customers when they leave, they have to, they 16 don't want speaker on loud, because it don't 17 bother our customers -- the neighborhood. And no 18 -- signs on the front, one side. That's for the 19 one we searched, it was critical. 20 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. And this was 21 done out of the request of the SPCA during that 22 meeting? 23 MR. WORKU: Yes. 24 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Exhibit 12, can 25 you take a look at this? Can you tell me what

that is? 1 2 MR. WORKU: The parking lot of 3 Champion Kitchen. And the sign, the big sign used to at this side. That side is what there, 4 5 because it was expensive to change it, that sign. And the SPCA, they complain after, take them out 6 7 that sign. This I did. I take them out, because 8 they complain. 9 (Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Applicant Exhibit 12 for 10 11 identification.) 12 MS. YOHANNES: So, you meant to 13 address concerns. One of the concerns was the 14 sign, any sign? And you took that down, right? 15 MR. WORKU: Yes, I did. Whenever they 16 have concern I did. 17 MS. YOHANNES: How much did that cost 18 you to take down that sign? 19 MR. WORKU: It's \$1,000 dollar. 20 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. 21 It's big sign. MR. WORKU: 22 MS. YOHANNES: Right. So, we just 23 heard from your security personnel, or the owner

of the business. Can you tell me if you have, do

you have any other security?

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1	MR. WORKU: You mean with RDO? Yes.
2	I have RDO, two RDO Friday and Saturday, starting
3	from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
4	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
5	MR. WORKU: They start, you know, be
6	at, they watching on the neighbor side. There's
7	no one on Georgia side. The only thing they
8	going on, you know, the back side, because of
9	MS. YOHANNES: Have
10	MR. WORKU: Because they were do a lot
11	out there, they were.
12	MS. YOHANNES: So, you have two RDO?
13	MR. WORKU: Yes.
14	MS. YOHANNES: And you have two
15	security personnel?
16	MR. WORKU: Yes.
17	MS. YOHANNES: For 44
18	MR. WORKU: Forty-four
19	MS. YOHANNES: Okay, for 44 patrons?
20	MR. WORKU: Yes.
21	MS. YOHANNES: And why?
22	MR. WORKU: I say because, you know,
23	for if I'm working well with thems, how wide our
24	place is, one day maybe they going to increase my
25	occupancy too.

Because I cannot survive with, you 1 2 know, 44 people plus, because that place 2,500 3 square feet how big. That's why I asked them, 4 you know, for, if you can go for it. 5 If not, we may have to work more on that one. Because I don't want to just, you 6 7 know, anything going on between, you know, me and the committee. 8 9 MS. YOHANNES: So the, prior to getting the RDO did the SPCA raise concerns to 10 11 you that led you to that? 12 MR. WORKU: Yes. 13 MS. YOHANNES: What concerns did they 14 raise? 15 They said, you know, MR. WORKU: before they have noises on the back side. 16 17 say that whatever, they say they know if they have the noise on the back side, when the 18 19 peoples, they leave. 20 I said, okay, well, what afternoon? 21 Then the solution is going to be for, we're going 22 to put, we're going to add on another security 23 for it outside for two RDO post officers. MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Have you 24 25 received a noise violation?

1	MR. WORKU: No.
2	MS. YOHANNES: And ever? You've never
3	received a noise violation?
4	MR. WORKU: No.
5	MS. YOHANNES: And in the past year
6	and a half you've never received any additional
7	noise complaints?
8	MR. WORKU: No.
9	MS. YOHANNES: After you installed the
10	sound, the walls?
11	MR. WORKU: No.
12	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Have you
13	received any violations for a fight?
14	MR. WORKU: No.
15	MS. YOHANNES: Have you received a
16	violation for patron behavior?
17	MR. WORKU: No.
18	MS. YOHANNES: Have you received a
19	violation for selling to a minor?
20	MR. WORKU: No.
21	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. So, even though
22	you've had all these communications with the
23	neighborhood and the community, are you still
24	willing to meet with them, to cooperate with
25	them?

1	MR. WORKU: Of course.
2	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. I also, just
3	going back to your RDO, I want to show you what's
4	been marked as Exhibit 16. Can you tell me what
5	that is?
6	MR. WORKU: That are, the one I, the
7	RDO officers are the one we send in.
8	MS. YOHANNES: And when did you start
9	receiving RDO?
LO	MR. WORKU: Close to four month now.
L1	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
L <b>2</b>	MR. WORKU: Yes. I think it's getting
L3	close to four months.
L <b>4</b>	MS. YOHANNES: As an operator have you
L5	attended any trainings? Or have you done
L6	anything to increase your education?
L7	MR. WORKU: Yes, I have. I have test
L8	work when I was opening. And the past two months
L9	I think three day. And I missed the last one
20	last April for shooting
21	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Regarding your
22	occupancy, since there's been a lot of talk about
23	that, to be clear, what does your agreement say
24	about how many patrons you can have in the
25	establishment?

1	MR. WORKU: Forty-four.
2	MS. YOHANNES: And are you contesting
3	that you can have, you can only have 44 patrons?
4	Do you know that you can only have 44 patrons?
5	MR. WORKU: Yes, I do.
6	MS. YOHANNES: All right. Even though
7	your occupancy, your certificate of occupancy
8	says that you can have more?
9	MR. WORKU: Yes. But I have to go
10	back ABRA to increase my occupancy. Because when
11	I asked I didn't know that one. When I asked to
12	the investigator you have to get a paper from the
13	SPCA, from the committee.
14	Then I asked them, you know, can you
15	give me, you know, approval for to increase my
16	occupancy they say deny me. That, I tried. But
17	that the real issue if, for that accommodating,
18	and will accept it.
19	I'm going to finish it. There's time
20	enough for the settlement document to happen, you
21	know, for, I have to work on it for 44. But it's
22	no worse for me. But I have to
23	MS. YOHANNES: To comply. Okay. And
24	I have no further questions.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,

1	Ms. Jefferson.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: Paula Edwards is going
3	to
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
5	MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Edwards.
7	MS. EDWARDS: Hi, Mr. Worku. How are
8	you?
9	MR. WORKU: Fine.
10	CROSS EXAMINATION
11	MS. EDWARDS: Your Counsel asked you
12	about your original vision for Champion Kitchen
13	and, you know, how it originally was visualized.
14	Do you remember your restaurant business plan
15	that you presented to the SPCA in 2016?
16	MR. WORKU: Yes, I do.
17	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. I'm going to,
18	this is Exhibit 4, your Exhibit 4. On the last
19	page you have a setup of how the restaurant was
20	going to look. Do you recognize that?
21	MR. WORKU: Yes. And on the plan?
22	MS. EDWARDS: Right. The floor plan.
23	MR. WORKU: Yes.
24	MS. EDWARDS: Does your current floor
25	plan look anything like this?

1 MR. WORKU: Yes. Everything like 2 this. 3 MS. EDWARDS: It is? 4 MR. WORKU: But is --5 MS. EDWARDS: Is the tables in the 6 center? 7 MR. WORKU: The table is not that, the 8 way the architect is show where is going to be 9 table. It's not that she say, you know, the 10 table exactly sitting like this one in the 11 That table was going to be around that picture. 12 is the main thing in the show room. 13 The architect, we ask her to say where 14 is going to be the chair? It's not the way 15 seated like the pictures. But the only thing she 16 mentioned, chairs going to be around here. 17 That's the way for the floor plan. MS. EDWARDS: Our Exhibit 11, their 18 19 Exhibit 11 shows the floor plan now. Is that 20 similar in any way to that setup with the chair, 21 with the couches on the side on this end? 22 MR. WORKU: Yes, this end. But what 23 I'm saying is, when you see on the picture, 24 because she said, well, we don't are supposed to 25 do, put a chair in like the picture.

But this places is going to be, you 1 2 know, chairs. That's why the markings, you know, 3 for we put it on the side plan. This side is 4 going to be chairs. How we set it up is before 5 we set it up. Now after we set it up, the chair, the picture is going to be like this. 6 7 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. But did the SPCA 8 know that when you presented that --9 MR. WORKU: We explain. 10 MS. EDWARDS: -- to them. 11 MR. WORKU: We explain our occupancy's 12 going to be 89. We working on it, our plan. 13 That's why we because we know it's going to be 89 14 when we finish up for inspection it's going to be 15 89. 16 MS. EDWARDS: So what --17 MR. WORKU: That we show you our plan. 18 That's how we, close to work with the committee. 19 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Then why did you 20 agree to 44 in the settlement? 21 MR. WORKU: The previous one in here 22 By that time the one that's, you know, 23 the only thing that happened on his occupancy, it 24 takes time to get my occupancy. 25 To finish it I have to inspect fire,

every inspection, house. That takes me for, I didn't open for 12, 13 months. And that means, you know, cost me \$60,000 dollars rent was out before we opened the place.

That we're working way to hard, you know, to open the place, you know, to make a little bit to pay rent. This is why I want to, what I'm saying, 100 times, I'm not working with, against the committee. I'd like to work with the committee.

But the committee, they have to understand me. They don't give me, it's wrong way. They all look me for wrong way, to take advantage with the public to make money and run. I'm not that kind of person. I'm, whatever we needed, I'm telling you 100 times the same thing I said, I want to work with the committee.

MS. EDWARDS: Okay.

MR. WORKU: Because that's a way we, I told you, I trust you. I didn't know. This is the first time we're talking for my business.

That's done by mistake. We don't write any note for, now we apply 44.

But when I get my occupancy I'm going to change it, this one. I have to write it on

the paper that I am thinking. But I'm not think 1 2 that way. I do it, you know, for, they going to 3 4 give me, if I didn't write it still they're going 5 to give me, they don't, you know, what, because 6 they didn't say anything. That's why, you know, 7 for, I say ---8 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. I'm sorry. I 9 don't mean to interrupt you. 10 MR. WORKU: No. 11 MS. EDWARDS: But did you have Counsel 12 at the time that you entered into the settlement 13 agreement? 14 MR. WORKU: Yes. You know --15 It had to be written to MS. EDWARDS: 16 this, and then included in the settlement 17 agreement? 18 MR. WORKU: YES. That's why, you 19 know, that's why I didn't know for this thing. 20 But you guys, you knows, you know, the word. 21 It's going to be 89. 22 When I finish my renovations, going to 23 That's why I was giving to you the plan, be 89. 24 the floor plan. Everything is going to be on 89. 25 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. But that was

1	never reduced to writing? Is that correct?
2	MR. WORKU: No, never.
3	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Thank you. On
4	Page 4 of the business plan you have your
5	original hours. And those were I believe from
6	8:00 a.m., no, Yes, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. And
7	are those your hours now?
8	MR. WORKU: Can I see my, that's not
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10	MS. EDWARDS: Well, we know you don't
11	close at 10:00 p.m.
12	MR. WORKU: No, no, no. That's not
13	our plan, this one. 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., no.
14	MS. EDWARDS: This is not? It says
15	the restaurant will be open seven days a week
16	with hours as follows
17	MR. WORKU: No. I do not plan for
18	6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
19	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Well he put, he
20	did change the hours, and said
21	MR. WORKU: No, I didn't. The first
22	time when I came I say 9:00 a.m. until closing.
23	I didn't say, you know, for, by 10 o'clock.
24	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. And that's not in
25	the, I mean, we agree that the settlement

1	agreement
2	MR. WORKU: I don't know where you get
3	
4	(Simultaneous speaking.)
5	MS. EDWARDS: in the settlement
6	agreement. And it
7	(Simultaneous speaking.)
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Miss, can you
9	sit closer to the microphone?
10	MS. EDWARDS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Thanks.
12	MS. EDWARDS: So, your personnel. Do
13	you have a chef now
14	MR. WORKU: Yes, I
15	MS. EDWARDS: in your restaurant?
16	Okay. Do you have line cooks?
17	MR. WORKU: Yes, I do.
18	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. How many line
19	cooks do you have?
20	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
21	MS. EDWARDS: No. That's in the
22	business plan.
23	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
24	MS. EDWARDS: Okay then.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
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1 nature of the objection? 2 MS. YOHANNES: She's getting to, she's 3 asking questions that outside the scope of 4 direct. 5 I'm asking based on Page MS. EDWARDS: 21 of the business plan. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, all right. 8 Hold up. Hold up. Remember, when we do cross 9 examination, that cross examination has to be 10 based on questions that were asked by, on direct. 11 Or questions that could lead. And I don't recall 12 there was any question regarding business plan. MS. EDWARDS: She asked about his 13 14 vision, his original vision of the business. 15 That was specifically asked. She said, what was 16 your original vision of the business, Mr. Worku? 17 And this is what he presented to us as his 18 original vision of the business. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 20 But, all right. But I don't know where you're 21 going regards, I mean, I'll give you some, I'm 22 going to overrule the objection. So, you can ask 23 the question. 24 But I'm going to give you some, I'll 25 give you some leeway. But I'm not quite sure

1	where you're going, and why you're going, and
2	what's in that that's relevant to where we are
3	today.
4	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Well, this is on
5	Page 21. I am 6.3, the personnel plan. And this
6	is your personnel plan for your restaurant? Is
7	that correct? That was your original vision of
8	the business that you presented to the SPCA?
9	MR. WORKU: How do I know this
10	MS. EDWARDS: This is from
11	MR. WORKU: business plan still my
12	way?
13	MS. EDWARDS: It's listed as your
14	business plan. That's what we received. And
15	that's what we have as our documentation. Are
16	you saying this is not your business plan? It
17	says, Champion Kitchen Restaurant Business Plan,
18	August 2016.
19	MS. YOHANNES: Objection. I think
20	he's answered the question. He said, I don't
21	know.
22	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. He said he
23	doesn't know. Okay, fine.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25	MS. EDWARDS: All right. And those

are my only questions about this. You mentioned 1 2 parking. Where do you park, Mr. Worku? Where do 3 you park your car, Mr. Worku? I park it on my, this for 4 MR. WORKU: 5 to convenience for our customers. Our employees, we park at all the meters. We have meters on the 6 7 side. 8 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Do you ever park 9 in the residential parking at Shepherd Park? 10 MR. WORKU: Sometimes maybe I park on, 11 next to maybe my house. 12 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. 13 MR. WORKU: Because if I park there, 14 that's, I want to just, you know, nobody's going 15 to park on her parking lot. And when they leave 16 I don't want to just, nobody's going to bother 17 about area. 18 That's why I park my car in closing up 19 the place. No one's going to go to there to 20 parking. That's why I park my car right there. 21 I want to just, you know, park that places. 22 Nobody walking to, on that doors, that 23 main street. I took that space before someone's 24 going to took it, you know, for -- It used to be 25 residential.

1	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
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2	MR. WORKU: After, you know, some
3	days, you know, changing the mirrors.
4	MS. EDWARDS: Exactly. Do your
5	employees ever park, use residential parking, do
6	you know?
7	MR. WORKU: No. That's, they're
8	parking on the meters.
9	MS. EDWARDS: They only park on
10	MR. WORKU: On the meter sides.
11	MS. EDWARDS: You're sure?
12	MR. WORKU: That, they leave, you
13	know, we got to leave for, our space for
14	customers.
15	MS. EDWARDS: You said previously that
16	you can't survive with 44 people. In your
17	testimony you said, we can't make it. We can't
18	survive with 44 people.
19	MR. WORKU: That
20	MS. EDWARDS: That's what you said.
21	MR. WORKU: Yes. I said, you know, it
22	was, was harder to survive. I didn't say we
23	can't. It's hard, you know, for to survive.
24	Because the place, we build it, you knows the
25	place. Did you eat there, in Champion?

1	MS. EDWARDS: I have.
2	MR. WORKU: Yes. That's how we look.
3	And how big our place is for. And how we build
4	it, that's the way, I mean, I'm asking you for
5	when I, when my business plan, when I say, you
6	know, when I look at the place it's going to be
7	like this. But now it's 44.
8	It's putting me for five years for
9	going 44. I say, that's certain. But I say, you
10	know, for as a community member to support
11	community, I'm asking, you know, for if you can.
12	That's on your hand.
13	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
14	MR. WORKU: Because I have sign
15	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
16	MR. WORKU: I sign in the settlement
17	agreement. Because of that, I'm on your hand.
18	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
19	MR. WORKU: If you want to say, okay,
20	it's not
21	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
22	MR. WORKU: I accept it.
23	MS. EDWARDS: You're using my time
24	right now. So, if you don't get an increase to
25	your occupancy, is it your testimony that you

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to,
2	that's not
3	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. All right.
4	(Simultaneous speaking.)
5	MS. EDWARDS: Hold on.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Hold
7	on. Hold on. It's my understanding that we're,
8	this hearing, that there's agreement that there
9	is 44.
10	MS. EDWARDS: Right. Okay.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, as I
12	stated, there should be no question regarding
13	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, sir.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: any numbers
15	more than 44. Because there is no question
16	before the Board to increase the occupancy
17	MS. EDWARDS: That's okay.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: to change
19	the license to more than 44. So, let's move on
20	from there.
21	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Move on. You
22	list, you said that you had no violations as far
23	as noise, as far as violence, as far as other
24	things. Do you have any violations that you
25	didn't disclose?

1	MR. WORKU: Yes, I have.
2	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. And
3	MR. WORKU: A violation.
4	MS. EDWARDS: What types of violations
5	do you have?
6	MR. WORKU: Maximum capacity.
7	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Over capacity?
8	MR. WORKU: That's exactly before
9	when I get my occupancy 89 I told that's
10	enough. But when I got 89 occupancy that means
11	I'm doing, you know, 89. When the investigator,
12	what he said, you know, for you have to go back
13	to ABRA, change it, then ABRA, the license to
14	hold 89.
15	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
16	MR. WORKU: I told him, I have 89
17	occupancy. No, no. you have to be working on
18	that one. You have to go back to ABRA, changing
19	that whole increasing of the occupancy on the
20	license. That's why I bring you, you know, the
21	paper that you sign, hoping to, because that's a
22	violation.
23	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
24	MR. WORKU: But it's not purposely.
25	MS. EDWARDS: Have you received other

1	types of violations?
2	MR. WORKU: For the quarterly reports.
3	MS. EDWARDS: Right. Okay.
4	MR. WORKU: That's misunderstanding
5	for my accountant with our, they have to supply
6	to Department to submit it.
7	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
8	MR. WORKU: By mistake we submitted
9	two times for one places.
10	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
11	MR. WORKU: And that way, you know, we
12	sort it now, after, you know, for year this was
13	issue. Over years, you know, we didn't have,
14	when we opened the business, you know, first time
15	we got
16	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
17	MR. WORKU: issues, you know. Now
18	we solve it. Why we here, you know, for, just,
19	you know
20	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
21	MR. WORKU: I don't understand, you
22	know
23	MS. EDWARDS: Right. I just
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, I'm
25	going to, ma'am, you asked an open ended

1	question.
2	MS. EDWARDS: It was a question
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Allow him to
4	answer.
5	MS. EDWARDS: A question, you're
6	right.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you want a
8	shorter answer
9	MS. EDWARDS: Ask a closed
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: ask a more
11	direct question.
12	MS. EDWARDS: You're asking
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you can't
14	cut him off, and have him
15	MS. EDWARDS: You're right.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: responding.
17	MS. EDWARDS: I understand. Keep
18	going.
19	MR. WORKU: That's the thinking for,
20	when I was opening this, you know, purpose, there
21	is no purposely I did wrong something, you know.
22	By mistake I didn't know one times or two times
23	but I sold that product.
24	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
25	MR. WORKU: Whenever it comes now, for

year and a half there is no violation. There is no fine. There is no sound by anything, anything. Our investigator was 17 times, you know, on 40 days. He didn't find anything.

That means he going to tell you how my business running. That's my testimony too, you know. I don't know when he's going to be, when I sold, you know, for that report, that's the main thing, you know, we told you.

Because I had, you know, complaint on noises. I'm checking outside, you know, four, five times every night. But I never heard any noises. But I have, you know, complaint I'm noisy. What I do?

MS. EDWARDS: Okay.

MR. WORKU: I put in all the mixers.

I get the boys whenever I can, you know, no one's going to touch it, the volume. Still, when I write it, you know, the complaint is the noise.

That's why, you know, for what I'm hearing, I want to just work with the committee. Whatever you show me on issue, I'm going to work with them to change it up. But if you want to just, you know, remove my license, that's --

MS. EDWARDS: That's not responsive to

1	my question. One other, you said you haven't had
2	any violations in a year and a half?
3	MR. WORKU: Yes.
4	MS. EDWARDS: Does that include other
5	departments of the Government, of the DC
6	Government?
7	MR. WORKU: Yes.
8	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
10	right.
11	MS. EDWARDS: That's all I have.
12	Anybody else have anything? Thank you very much.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
14	by the Board Members? All right, Mr. Short.
15	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Worku, how are you,
16	sir?
17	MR. WORKU: I'm all right, sir.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Great. I'm looking at
19	your investigative district, and there's seven
20	different charges, starting July 4th, 1917,
21	operating afterhours.
22	September the 23rd, '17, you had a
23	case where you failed to keep books and records
24	for three years. And you were fined \$1,000
25	dollars. Is that correct?

1	MR. WORKU: Yes.
2	MEMBER SHORT: And February 1st, 2018,
3	no, that's the same one. Okay. It would have
4	been May 1st 2018, you got another ticket and
5	fine for failure to file your quarterly
6	statements. Is that correct?
7	MR. WORKU: Yes. That's
8	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. October 7th,
9	2018, Case number 18-CMP-00239. You were charged
10	with increased occupancy, which is the primary
11	charge. In Charge 1 you failed to follow the
12	settlement agreement.
13	The Board referred the case to OAG to
14	show cause. The Board scheduled a hearing. The
15	Board held a status hearing. The Board accepted
16	an OIC, which is a, you made an agreement with
17	the Government to pay a fine, rather than go any
18	further, correct?
19	MR. WORKU: Yes.
20	MEMBER SHORT: And that fine was for
21	\$2,500 dollars. Is that correct?
22	MR. WORKU: I think so.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Yes, sir. This is
24	MR. WORKU: Yes, is that.
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MEMBER SHORT: All right. And then,

1	11/1/18 Case number 18-CIT-00658. Again, you
2	were charged with fail to file quarterly
3	statements. Is that correct?
4	MR. WORKU: Yes.
5	MEMBER SHORT: You paid a \$600 dollar
6	fine?
7	MR. WORKU: Yes.
8	MEMBER SHORT: 12/21/18, Case number
9	19-CIT-0002. No ABC manager. And you had to pay
10	a \$500 dollar fine?
11	MR. WORKU: Yes.
12	MEMBER SHORT: There was some
13	testimony today also about the Health Department.
14	What were the issues with you and the Health
15	Department at your business?
16	MR. WORKU: The Health Department
17	issue was a hookah.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. I'm looking at,
19	these aren't marked. But these were exhibits
20	that were, I don't know if I can ask him to look
21	at these.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He may remember
23	that.
24	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Not a problem.
25	MR. WORKU: Can I explain for about

1	the fine for the after hour, the one, the first
2	time, the after hour?
3	MEMBER SHORT: I'm finished with that.
4	I'm not going to beat a dead horse. You admit to
5	that. And so
6	MR. WORKU: Yes, but maybe that
7	MEMBER SHORT: Thanks for being
8	honest. Now
9	MR. WORKU: Yes. Afterhours not
10	afterhour, because
11	MEMBER SHORT: Yes, I understand.
12	That's, no question right now.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no
14	question presented, sir. If your attorney wants
15	to follow up on that, that's up to her. But
16	MEMBER SHORT: Now
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's move on.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Also, the investigator
19	said he, or ABRA came to your place starting in
20	Tuesday, 9/24/19, 9/23, 9/20, 9/19, 9/16, 9/12,
21	9/7, 9/6, 9/5, 8/30/2019, 8/26, 8/28, 8/24, 8/22,
22	8/20, $8/18$ , and $8/17$ . And every time they came
23	you were in violation of having too many seats.
24	Did, I mean, were they trying to work with you by
25	not writing you tickets? Or did they, did you,

1 did they ask you to remove the seats, the extra 2 seats? 3 MR. WORKU: No. They said, I told 4 them, you know, when I was applying for the 89 5 occupancy, how to put the chairs, you know, to 6 the DCRA. They have to see the chair before 7 approve me the occupancy. 8 If I want to have to move it, I'm 9 going to move. But nobody sitted in one. The 10 place too big. It looks ugly when I move the 11 That the purpose, you know, I leave it 12 there. I said, if I have to move it I can do it, you know, for, I told them right now this --13 14 MEMBER SHORT: When's the last time 15 you were in your business? Were you there today? 16 MR. WORKU: Yes, I did. 17 MEMBER SHORT: Are those extra seats 18 still there? Are they there right now? 19 MR. WORKU: The chairs? 20 MEMBER SHORT: More than 44 seats? 21 MR. WORKU: Yes. 22 MEMBER SHORT: How many seats in there 23 right now? 24 MR. WORKU: It's no 87. It's close to 25 55 or 60 chairs.

1	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, let me ask
2	you a question. Do you plan on coming into
3	compliance any time soon?
4	MR. WORKU: That, when I go back to,
5	that's a main issue, I'm going to move the rest
6	of the chairs, you know, for, that's not
7	MEMBER SHORT: Well, if an
8	investigator comes there tomorrow you'll have
9	everything straightened out?
10	MR. WORKU: Of course I do.
11	MEMBER SHORT: That, you're committing
12	to that?
13	MR. WORKU: Yes. I did, Yes.
14	MEMBER SHORT: Okay.
15	MR. WORKU: I'm going to move it
16	tonight. When I leave from here. That's why,
17	you know, for whatever I'm asking, you know, for,
18	I'd like to work with the committee. That's the
19	main thing issue. I'm going to move it.
20	MEMBER SHORT: Well, I'd like, I think
21	you for your cooperation. And I'd just really
22	like to say this to you. I don't want to see
23	anybody not have a business, and trying like
24	you're trying.
25	MR. WORKU: Okay.

1	MEMBER SHORT: But by the same token,
2	the law is the law.
3	MR. WORKU: Okay.
4	MEMBER SHORT: And if the
5	investigators came there 17 times, and cited you,
6	but they didn't write you up, 17 times to move
7	those seats. And you hadn't moved them yet.
8	MR. WORKU: No. He said he wasn't,
9	two times when I was meeting him. But he didn't
10	say move the chairs. But I explained, there's no
11	more than 44 peoples, 44 chairs.
12	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. I'm not going
13	MR. WORKU: He didn't
14	MEMBER SHORT: Okay.
15	MR. WORKU: force me to move it or
16	
17	MEMBER SHORT: Please forgive me.
18	Please forgive me.
19	MR. WORKU: Okay.
20	MEMBER SHORT: I've had enough time.
21	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
23	questions by any Board Members? Any questions,
ر ہے	questions by any board members: Any questions,
24	Ms. Jefferson? I'm sorry, Ms. Edwards?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? 1 You have 2 no questions? All right. 3 (Off-mic comments.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 4 Do 5 you have any questions now? MS. YOHANNES: Yes. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Based on the 8 questions that were asked by the Board? 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 10 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I do. Thank you. 11 First I want to talk about your violation, you 12 alleged violations, and some of your violations. 13 Can you explain, or clarify what happened with the afterhours violation? 14 15 MR. WORKU: The after hour violation is misunderstanding, the investigator and me. 16 17 The, we serve, we stop serving alcohol 1 or 2 o'clock. 18 19 But they can finish it, whatever they 20 have on their hand. They can finish it until 3 21 o'clock. One hour before we stop serving. 22 they can finish it, whatever they have on their 23 hand. 24 When he get in, he look at it, 25 everybody have a drink. I explain. Because of

our license that mean nobody's going to have it, 1 2 you know, 1 o'clock. That means we have to close 3 it up one hour early. It's not that meant, you know, for 4 5 the, the license says we stop serving before one 6 hours, before we're closing. That's the case. 7 You know, after we find a ticket 8 after, I got in on my lawyers. The explained to 9 them. The next time same things happen we solve 10 it. I didn't get any fine. 11 MS. YOHANNES: So, in this case 12 though, was he, you were never operating after 2:00 a.m. or after 3:00 a.m.? 13 14 MR. WORKU: Never. I want to go home. 15 MS. YOHANNES: And did you actually 16 get a violation? The OAG, Yes or no? 17 MR. WORKU: No. 18 MS. YOHANNES: So, the OAG declined to 19 prosecute, because of the understanding that we 20 had with the OAG, with ABRA? 21 MR. WORKU: No. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Was an answer I don't think I heard an answer. 23 given? 24 MS. YOHANNES: I believe he said --25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I didn't hear

1 an answer. 2 MS. YOHANNES: Oh, sorry. Go ahead. 3 MR. WORKU: I said, no. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 4 5 MS. YOHANNES: Regarding the quarterly statements, can you explain what happened? 6 7 MR. WORKU: I forgot her name for, I 8 call it ABRA, or here. That's, my accountant, 9 when he submitted, it used to working on ABRA and 10 some things, you know, for when, that's the case, 11 you know, misunderstanding. 12 He sent me it on the wrong department. 13 Because of that, he did it two times. Then, you 14 know, I called her. She told me because of that 15 kind of situation is going to be on violation. 16 But I submitted. Then we solve that problems for 17 Everything's going smoothly. 18 MS. YOHANNES: Regarding the ABRA 19 investigator that came to do the protest report, he has cited 17 times substantial change 20 21 violation in the report, right? 22 MR. WORKU: Yes. 23 MS. YOHANNES: Any of those 17 times, 24 did any of the ABRA investigators actually tell

you to move these seats?

1	MR. WORKU: No.
2	MS. YOHANNES: Did you ever receive a
3	violation
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Objection.
5	MR. WORKU: No.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
7	nature of the objection? He answered a question.
8	I'm sorry.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: That's outside the
10	scope of ABA's responsibility.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
12	overrule. I'm overruling the objection. He
13	answered the question. Let's move on.
14	MS. YOHANNES: One more question. Did
15	you ever receive an order from DOH saying that
16	you were in violation?
17	MR. WORKU: No.
18	MS. YOHANNES: No further questions.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for
20	your testimony, sir. You can step down.
21	MR. WORKU: Thank you.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
23	other witnesses?
24	MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I do.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's the other

1	witness?
2	MS. YOHANNES: My last witness is
3	going to be Thurman Baker.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's his
5	name? I'm sorry, who?
6	MS. YOHANNES: Thurman Baker.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The first name.
8	I still haven't heard the first name.
9	MS. YOHANNES: Thurman Baker.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thurman Baker.
11	Sir, you can't take any documents with you, sir.
12	You can only take documents that the lawyers give
13	to you. So, if you have any documents you have
14	to leave them
15	MR. BAKER: Sir, I wrote my testimony
16	
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. You
18	can't do that, sir.
19	MR. BAKER: Then, I'll do my very best
20	to remember.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can only
22	look at documents that are in evidence, that your
23	lawyer But you can't take your own documents
24	up there, sir.
25	MR. BAKER: Okay.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Please stand.
2	Raise your right hand, please.
3	WHEREUPON,
4	THURMAN BAKER
5	was called for examination by Counsel for the
6	Applicant and, having first been duly sworn,
7	assumed the witness stand, was examined and
8	testified as follows.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
LO	Have a seat, sir. Please pull the microphone in
L1	front of you.
L <b>2</b>	DIRECT EXAMINATION
L3	MS. YOHANNES: Can you state your name
L <b>4</b>	for the record?
L5	MR. BAKER: Sure. My name is Thurman
L6	Baker.
L7	MS. YOHANNES: Tell us how you know
L8	the operator, Eyob, and Champion Kitchen?
L9	MR. BAKER: Well, I met Eyob I think
20	about five years ago. I am a resident of the
21	community. I've lived in D.C. for 30 years.
22	I've lived in this community for 20 years. And I
23	also own a business. And I work in the
24	community.
25	So, I'm very proud of the fact that I

live about nine or ten blocks away from Champions. And I work about two blocks from Champions.

I met him five years ago, because within that area that I work there is not a lot of great places to eat, and to, there. And so, he had a restaurant I believe about five years ago. And it was on Maryland. It was in Maryland.

And I became much closer acquainted with, more closely acquainted with Mr. Worku, because I'm actually an attorney. And I represent small businesses on corporate matters. And he came to me because he had an issue dealing with his business.

I think he mentioned that, that he had made a huge investment in it. And had not had a chance to open it up. And asked me to help him out. I, at that point I could not do it, because the next day I was going out of the country.

But when I came back I was very happy to know that he was back. But he's struggling based on, you know, a few things. One, making a big investment where he did.

I was very happy with the fact that he

moved his business into D.C. Very happy that he renovated what in my view was a longstanding eyesore in the community. And since then, as a person I just patronize his business on a regular basis.

MS. YOHANNES: So, being that you patronize the establishment on a regular basis, can you tell me, with your experience and observations there, what have you observed?

Like, what's the place like?

MR. BAKER: You know, I love the place. The place is a place where I can go after work for, you know, and meet friends that are in the neighborhood. I can bring my clients there.

It's a place where you can have, you know, great food. I love his food. I love his chicken wings there. And it's a place where, you know, you can watch games, sports. And really just enjoy yourself.

So, for me it's a part of my business. It's also a part of my social life, right. So, I have family members. I'm, you know, married, you know. And we will go there quite a bit. And we will have other families or couples join us there.

I am a, you know, proud graduate of 1 2 Howard University many years ago. But, you know, 3 literally, you know, I celebrate my, you know, 4 I've celebrated my birthday, my friends' 5 birthdays there. And literally three or four weeks ago 6 7 we had sort of a very small group of my 8 classmates from Howard Law, many of whom are, you 9 know, as old as I. And we have, we've had a wonderful time there. And I've had zero 10 complaints with it. So --11 12 MS. YOHANNES: So, adding to that, or 13 asking about that, while there have you observed 14 any fights? 15 Absolutely not. MR. BAKER: 16 MS. YOHANNES: Any illegal behavior? 17 MR. BAKER: No. MS. YOHANNES: Tell me about the 18 19 music. Is there music playing when you're there? 20 MR. BAKER: On occasion there is 21 music. 22 MS. YOHANNES: And how loud is the 23 music? 24 MR. BAKER: Inside the place it's loud 25 enough where you can enjoy it.

1	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
2	MR. BAKER: Outside of the place, and
3	I do want to, I just want to stress this.
4	Outside of the place, you know, I have no
5	concerns that I've heard with regards to the
6	sound.
7	MS. YOHANNES: And you live in the
8	area as well, right?
9	MR. BAKER: Correct.
10	MS. YOHANNES: Have, tell me about the
11	efforts, or tell me about Eyob as an operator?
12	MR. BAKER: Well, I think he runs,
13	he's a very responsible operator. He's a person
14	who knows his patrons well. And he manages the
15	place very responsibly.
16	You know, I'll tell you, I've never
17	seen an instance where there's been, you know,
18	any indication of, you know, just unruliness
19	that's there.
20	And with regards to his approach, and
21	also his wife's approach extremely friendly to
22	the clientele that's there. And so forth.
23	MS. YOHANNES: Tell me about the
24	clientele.
25	MP BAKED. The clientele well wou

know, you tend to have people that are probably mid-20s, and going up to about I would say 40, right. And then you'll have occasional, some people that are a bit older, like myself. They're be there as well.

And can I say also, in terms of the clientele, you know, these are people that behave very well, dress, you know, where I think it is very appropriate, you know, for that place. A younger sort of professional, in my view a younger professional crowd of people.

But more importantly, it's a very diverse crowd. And diverse in the sense that, you know, you, on any given time you will see people from different ethnicities across that board that are there, and interacting very well, and very responsibly.

MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Do you have any experience or knowledge at all of Eyob's interactions with the community?

MR. BAKER: Absolutely. Well, I shouldn't say that. But I will say I do, the answer is yes as it relates to things that I've been a part of.

MS. YOHANNES: As it relates to, tell

me about that as it relates to Champions.

MR. BAKER: Sure. I think probably about a year, year and a half ago it came to my attention that there were concerns within the community about Champions. And because my experience with Champions has been a very positive one, I became very concerned.

In a prior life, I'm just saying that I was actually very involved with some of the communities in D.C. There was, from 2001 to 2009 there was an entity called the National Capital Revitalization Corporation, which managed a lot of development in D.C.

I was the former CEO of it, and then actually former president of it. I raise that because I'm very sensitive to the fact of community engagement.

And I would just say up front, I, with regards to the members of the community here, you know, I applaud what they're doing, you know.

And if there are issues with, problems in business I am very much onboard with that.

My concern is, that's not the business. There are a number of businesses that are on the northern Georgia Avenue corridor that,

to be very up front, I think that there are concerns of problems that are there. I don't want to sugarcoat that.

But what I will say wholeheartedly, is that that is not the business that you need to be focused with. And I will say that based on my interactions I feel that some of those businesses are businesses that are either owned or may have, you know, a clientele that are East African, of East African descent.

And with respect to those businesses that are troublesome, I understand the need to sort of hold them accountable. But I think that that dragnet has been unfairly spread wide enough to capture Champions and Mr. Worku.

And I think that that's a very problematic thing. Because there are some very clear, subtle, but very important distinctions between the clientele that goes to Champions, versus the clientele that you will see coming out of other establishments that may be problematic.

And my concern is, I do not think that the community appreciates that there is a differential that's there. That there is a difference.

1	And so, when you have people that are
2	coming out of four or so other establishments
3	within a three block radius of Champions, it may
4	be hard to figure out, is this person causing a
5	problem coming from Champions? Or any of the
6	other three or four?
7	I'll just say, from my perspective,
8	you know, the people that are there, I have no
9	problems from a security standpoint, or how they
10	interact when they leave there.
11	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. Have you
12	been present, or have you had, have you been
13	present during Eyob's communications with SPCA
14	regarding issues, or meetings about the
15	establishment?
16	MR. BAKER: I will say that I do not
17	know how many meetings or interactions he's had.
18	I've had I think one very meaningful one. When I
19	Go ahead.
20	MS. YOHANNES: No. Well, when was
21	that? I wanted to know the time.
22	MR. BAKER: I think it was maybe about
23	a year ago from this time.
24	(Simultaneous speaking.)
25	MR. BAKER: So, when I found out that

there was neighborhood concerns, just given my
past I wanted to make sure that Eyob was able to
put his best foot forward, in terms of just
trying to figure out what were those concerns.

Let's just put those on the table. And again,
figure out a way to sort of bridge those
concerns, and see what you could do.

And before I did that, I spoke with Eyob. And I said, look, I absolutely do not want to get involved in something that you're not committed to. Because I live in this community.

And I'm concerned about that.

And he gave me assurances. He said he would be very reasonable. I don't know the number. So, we met with I think four, three or four people at Champions. And again, I'm guessing it was about a year ago. I don't have an exact date.

But we talked. And I thought it was a very productive one. And there was a list of concerns that was put on the table. When we left I talked with Eyob. And I said, you really need to do your very best to try to work with the community.

And I think we went through, and

again, I haven't looked at all of those points.

But I think that there were perhaps one or maybe

two points that you were not able to do.

The other points you were able to do.

And I think those two points were probably, you

know, opening up for like Sunday brunch, or maybe
a weekend brunch, or something along those lines.

But in terms of the others, getting chairs and tables. I know you were able to get that very quickly. To add on security into the process. And some other things. So, I felt that that went very well, from my perspective.

MS. YOHANNES: Tell me, so, do you believe that Eyob's establishment is having, and I know you've said this already, but, I mean, any, are there any negative impacts at all, that his establishment is having on the community, that you can think of?

MR. BAKER: You know, I can't.

Because when I, you know, I can speak directly to
the, probably safety that's in there, from my,
you know, numerous times that I'm there.

When I heard about the sound issue I became very sensitive. I referred your business to be, you know, to go away. So, I actually made

it a point, whenever I'm there to actually listen 1 2 to the sound when I'm in the parking lot, or to 3 walk around. And from my perspective the times that 4 5 I've been there, and that has ranged into the evening, I have not heard sound that was so loud 6 7 that it would be, you know, beyond sort of, you 8 know, a very short distance, you know, that's 9 there. MS. YOHANNES: And I have no further 10 11 questions. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 13 Hold on then. All right. Where are we on time in this docket? 14 15 (Off-mic comment.) 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. So, Yes. 17 How much time has it -- how much time has the 18 applicant utilized? 19 MEMBER CATO: Sixty-two minutes. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how much 21 time has the protestant utilized? 22 MEMBER CATO: Thirty-five minutes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 24 All right. So, out of the 90 minutes the Okay. 25 protestant has utilized 32 minutes. And you

1	haven't called your case in chief.
2	MEMBER CATO: Thirty-five.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'm sorry?
4	MEMBER CATO: Thirty-five.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thirty-five.
6	So, I just want you to be aware of it, of the
7	time. Who's going to cross examine the witness?
8	Go ahead, Ms. Jefferson.
9	CROSS EXAMINATION
10	MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned that you
11	live in the neighborhood. Do you mind telling us
12	the name of the street and the 100 block you live
13	in?
14	MR. BAKER: I would prefer not. But I
15	will say it's in Colonial Village.
16	MR. NADEAU: So, you're on the west
17	side of 16th, correct?
18	MR. BAKER: Correct.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: And is that anywhere
20	near Champion Kitchen?
21	MR. BAKER: It's approximately ten
22	blocks, nine to ten blocks.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: How many miles is
24	that?
25	MR. BAKER: I have no idea.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You mentioned
2	that there, that you thought he made a big
3	investment. Are you aware how much Douglas
4	Development invested to meet the target there?
5	MR. BAKER: No. No.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Are you a member of
7	the Shepherd Park Citizens Association?
8	MS. YOHANNES: Objection, relevance.
9	(Simultaneous speaking.)
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, yeah,
11	why is that relevant?
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Well, it's relevant in
13	establishing how many meetings to understand the
14	community needs. It's essentially with the
15	community.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17	okay. All right. You can answer the question.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Have you ever been to
19	a community meeting of the Shepard Park Citizens
20	Association?
21	MR. BAKER: I think once, yes.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Once, okay. And do
23	you think that one is sufficient to understand
24	how a community may feel about a particular
25	establishment?

1	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
3	nature of the objection?
4	MS. YOHANNES: It's outside the scope
5	of direct. He's not testifying regarding how
6	SPCA feels. He's giving his own testimony.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: That wasn't the
8	question.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
10	sustain the objection. Let's move on.
11	MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned that you
12	attended a meeting with Mr. Worku and members of
13	the SPCA. What was the purpose of you being
14	there?
15	MR. BAKER: The purpose of the meeting
16	or purpose of me being there?
17	MS. JEFFERSON: The purpose of you
18	being there.
19	MR. BAKER: I am a supporter of
20	Champions while we are doing this. And I was
21	concerned that there were going to be questions
22	about how he conducts his business. And I wanted
23	to hear it.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: So you mentioned that
25	you're an attorney.

1	MR. BAKER: Yes.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: When you offered Mr.
3	Worku advice, was that legal advice?
4	MR. BAKER: No.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You mentioned
6	three or four other establishments. How close
7	are they to Champion Kitchen?
8	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
10	nature of the objection?
11	MS. YOHANNES: Actually, I withdraw
12	the objection.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Answer the
14	question, sir, if you can answer the question.
15	MR. BAKER: Sure. There's one that's
16	across the street from it. I believe it's called
17	Zeke's, I don't know. There is, Gojo's, there is
18	Nile, which is a block away. Gojo's is a block,
19	I believe, south, a half of block south. And
20	then there is another establishment which is
21	about a half a block north of Eastern Avenue. I
22	don't know the name of it.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Is that in Maryland?
24	MR. BAKER: Correct.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So you

1	mentioned Gojo's. Are you referring to Betty's
2	Gojo?
3	MR. BAKER: Correct, yes.
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Betty's Gojo. And so
5	when you said relatively speaking, that you
6	thought Champion Kitchen was better managed and
7	had fewer issues than other establishments, what
8	other establishment were you referring to?
9	MR. BAKER: You said fewer, I don't
10	think I've said that he had fewer than anyone
11	else. But I may have inferred that when I, I
12	very well may have inferred that by saying that
13	there have been troublesome businesses there. So
14	maybe that's a fair inference.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: And were those
16	troublesome businesses the same three or four -
17	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
19	nature of your objection?
20	MS. YOHANNES: Relevance, can we talk
21	about Champion Kitchen.
22	MS. YOHANNES: I'll sustain the
23	objection. Go ahead.
24	MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards. I have a

1	MR. BAKER: Yes, ma'am.
2	MS. EDWARDS: You referred -
3	(Simultaneous speaking.)
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She has let her
5	but I'm not going to have you guys tag team
6	the Witness, so one person can ask the questions.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: You mentioned an East
8	African business. Which business were you
9	referring to?
10	MR. BAKER: I'm sorry?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: When you were naming
12	and talking about the restaurants and the other
13	establishments, you mentioned an East African
14	one. Which one was
15	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
17	nature of the objection?
18	MS. YOHANNES: Can we talk about
19	Champion Kitchen?
20	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm trying to
21	establish that there's an over-concentration.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
23	overrule the objection. He spent a significant
24	period of time talking about the East African, so
25	that's open for cross examination.

1	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Answer the
3	question, sir, if you can.
4	MR. BAKER: I'm sorry?
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Answer the
6	question if you can, sir -
7	MR. BAKER: Which other East African,
8	I think Gojo's, Betty Gojo's.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: No further questions.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
11	by the Board members? Yes, Mr. Short?
12	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Baker?
13	MR. BAKER: Yes, sir.
14	MEMBER SHORT: Your testimony's been
15	quite compelling. And thank you for taking the
16	time to be here today, that's fine. And thank
17	you for your commitment to the community.
18	MR. BAKER: Thank you.
19	MEMBER SHORT: I know of some of your
20	work. I used to be at the Marshall Heights
21	Community Development Organization.
22	MR. BAKER: God bless
23	MEMBER SHORT: But let's, how can you
24	help this situation if you've been here, and I
25	know you heard a lot of the testimony

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MEMBER SHORT: -- 17 times. He has not removed those chairs. Until he gets permission from ABA to go up on those chairs he can't do that. Are you going to try to help him with that?

MR. BAKER: Sir, I would say this, and I'd say the same, this will be the same exact statement that I said with the members of Shepherd Park Association when I first met them.

I will stand, my support of him is conditional. If I felt that he posed a threat, that his business posed a threat, I would not be here. And I would not support him on a going forward basis. It's for that reason I will absolutely do what I can do, and I'm happy to do it, I'm not a hired gun here to do this.

MEMBER SHORT: No, I understand.

MR. BAKER: But because of this, and because of a few other things, I absolutely would love and embrace an opportunity to try to bridge it. I would say that I have, I will say that I personally have reached out and have asked, can we meet again? Can we talk?

Because I want him to succeed. I want

this establishment to be in my neighborhood. 1 2 I want to support him. I realize that there are 3 some differences, perhaps, meaning in terms of how communication takes place in a very welcoming 4 5 culture. MEMBER SHORT: 6 Okay. 7 MR. BAKER: But I'd be happy to 8 MEMBER SHORT: I thank you very much 9 for your testimony. Again, it's been quite 10 compelling. And maybe he does need to talk with 11 you, because he's already made a commitment that 12 he's going to have those chairs removed tomorrow. 13 So -14 MR. BAKER: Okay. 15 MEMBER SHORT: -- I hope he does that. 16 MR. BAKER: I'll help him move. 17 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other 19 questions by any other Board members? 20 Ms. Jefferson, any questions of the 21 witness based on the questions that were asked by 22 the Board? REDIRECT EXAMINATION 23 24 MS. JEFFERSON: You're aware that the 25 Shepherd Park Citizen's Association is protesting

1	today, correct.
2	MR. BAKER: Correct, ma'am.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: So you also are aware,
4	from the conversation that we had, that we
5	multiple conversations with Mr. Worku. I think
6	you heard Board Member Short mention the 17
7	violations.
8	MR. BAKER: Yes.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Can you please share
10	with us why you think Mr. Worku would listen to
11	you?
12	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
14	nature of the objection?
15	MS. YOHANNES: Speculation.
16	MR. BAKER: I'm happy to answer.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sustained.
18	Let's move on.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: No further questions.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
21	based on the questions that were asked by the
22	Board?
23	MS. YOHANNES: I have to ask just one.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You don't have
25	to ask.

1	(Laughter.)
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You don't have
3	to ask any questions but go ahead.
4	RECROSS EXAMINATION
5	MS. YOHANNES: Are you aware of any
6	substantial change violation regarding the chairs
7	as being an actual violation regarding how many
8	chairs he has in his establishment?
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Objection.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
11	nature of the objection?
12	MS. JEFFERSON: He's not the
13	regulatory authority to make that determination.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, he's the
15	-
16	MS. YOHANNES: I can rephrase.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, rephrase
18	the question. I mean, he's a licensee. I would
19	hope that he's aware of violations.
20	MS. YOHANNES: He's not
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, I'm sorry.
22	All right.
23	MS. YOHANNES: Do you have knowledge
24	-
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going, all

1	right. I'm going to overrule the objection. I
2	apologize. No, I'm sorry. I'm going to sustain
3	the objection or either rephrase the question or
4	ask something else. I apologize.
5	MS. YOHANNES: Do you have any
6	knowledge of the Board issuing an order finding
7	that the licensee is in violation for having too
8	many chairs in his establishment?
9	MR. BAKER: I'm sorry, I just don't
10	know. I'm not aware, to answer your question.
11	MS. YOHANNES: That's fine. Thank
12	you.
13	MR. BAKER: Okay.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
15	questions?
16	MS. YOHANNES: No questions.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir,
18	for your testimony. You can step down.
19	MR. BAKER: Thank you very much,
20	appreciate it.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
22	other witnesses?
23	MS. YOHANNES: I do not. I would, at
24	this time, like to move that my objections, or
25	I'm sorry, my exhibits are admitted.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibits
2	do you want to move into evidence?
3	MS. YOHANNES: All right. Exhibit
4	Number 1.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, let me
6	find that one.
7	MS. YOHANNES: Are you ready?
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Do
9	you have any objection to Exhibit Number 1, Ms.
10	Jefferson?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: I
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, no, maybe
13	so?
14	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. I was
15	trying to get to what the list was. No.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
17	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
18	document was received into evidence as Applicant
19	Exhibit No. 1.)
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other
21	exhibits?
22	MS. YOHANNES: Exhibit Number 20.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
24	objection to Exhibit No. 20, Ms. Jefferson? So
25	moved?

1	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
2	document was received into evidence as Applicant
3	Exhibit No. 20.)
4	MS. YOHANNES: Exhibit Numbers 17 and
5	18.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Numbers 17 and
7	18, any objection to Exhibits 17 and 18, Ms.
8	Jefferson?
9	MS. JEFFERSON: No objection.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
11	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
12	documents were received into evidence as
13	Applicant Exhibit Nos. 17 and 18.)
14	MS. YOHANNES: Exhibit, sorry, Exhibit
15	16 and Exhibit 19.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Exhibit 16 and
17	19, do you have any objection to Exhibits 16 and
18	19, Ms. Jefferson?
19	MS. JEFFERSON: No.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
21	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
22	documents were received into evidence as
23	Applicant Exhibit Nos. 16 and 19.)
24	MS. YOUNG: Exhibits 12 to 14.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Did she present it to

1	the
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit,
3	hold on, what exhibits? Let me find 12, what's
4	exhibit
5	MS. YOHANNES: Any sign of the
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, they were
7	testimony exhibits, 12, well, I know they were,
8	13, I know they were testimony exhibits, 13, 14.
9	What's Exhibit 12?
10	MS. YOHANNES: The actual -
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, the
12	signage. There was testimony on those exhibits.
13	Do you have any objection?
14	MS. JEFFERSON: No.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So Exhibits 12
16	through 14 is on the record.
17	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
18	documents were received into evidence as
19	Applicant Exhibits Nos. 12, 13, and 14.)
20	MS. YOHANNES: Also Exhibit 2.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
22	objection to Exhibit 2?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: No.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So moved.
25	(Whereupon, the above-referred to

1	document was received into evidence as Applicant
2	Exhibit No. 2.)
3	MS. YOHANNES: Exhibits 4, 5, and 7.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
5	objection to Exhibits 4, 5, and 7?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry, I don't
7	recall those being
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we have
9	testimony on Exhibits 4, 5, and 7.
10	All right, so moved.
11	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
12	documents were received into evidence as
13	Applicant Exhibit Nos. 4, 5, and 7.)
14	MS. YOHANNES: And that is all for
15	direct.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So those are
17	the documents that will be moved into evidence.
18	All right. So you rest.
19	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21	We're going to take, how many witnesses do you
22	have?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Just three.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The three
25	witnesses? And how much time do they have?

1	I'm sorry?
2	MEMBER CROCKETT: Forty-eight.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Forty-eight
4	minutes to present your case. We're going to
5	take a 15-minute break.
6	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
7	went off the record at 8:11 p.m. and resumed at
8	8:31 p.m.)
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
10	we're back on the record. Who's the first
11	witness?
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Mr. Bergman.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bergman,
14	all right. Mr. Bergman, can you raise your right
15	hand, please?
16	WHEREUPON,
17	CARL BERGMAN
18	was called as a witness by Counsel for the and,
19	having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness
20	stand, was examined and testified as follows:
21	MR. BERGMAN: Yes, sir.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
23	thank you. Your witness.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Mr. Bergman? Good
25	evening, how are you?

1	MR. BERGMAN: Good evening.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: Can you tell me, how
3	long have you lived in the community?
4	MR. BERGMAN: I've lived in the
5	District for 53 years, of which 35 have been in
6	Shepherd Park.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: And what has been you
8	involvement with the community?
9	MR. BERGMAN: I have been involved in
10	the community since about the time we moved in,
11	in '84. And I was on the Board of Neighbors,
12	Inc. and was treasurer of Neighbors, Inc. and
13	also on the Board.
14	I have been a member of the Board of
15	Shepherd Park Citizens Association for about five
16	years, starting with being treasurer, then a
17	member of the Board, and now vice president.
18	I also was the community
19	representative for what's called the LSAT, which
20	is the Local School Advancement Team, which is an
21	advisory body to the local school principal. I
22	did that for three years. Previously, I did four
23	years with the School Without Walls in a similar
24	position.

I've also been active at Tifereth

Israel Congregation for 40 years, and I've held a 1 2 variety of positions in the congregation which is 3 a part of Shepherd Park. MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. What has been 4 5 the extent of your interactions with the Applicant? 6 7 MR. BERGMAN: The extent of my 8 experience has been simply this. I know him from 9 the times he has come before SPCA, either our 10 Board or our community meetings. 11 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And how would 12 you describe the part of the community near his establishment? 13 14 MR. BERGMAN: The area around Georgia, 15 Alaska, and Kalmia, Georgia is a commercial 16 street that's quite wide that feeds into 17 Montgomery County, Silver Spring, Montgomery 18 County. Kalmia is basically a residential 19 20 street, as is Alaska. Though there is a new 21 Target right at the corner of Alaska, and Kalmia, 22 and Georgia. It's a very, as with most of 23 Shepherd Park, it's a quiet residential area, one 24 of single-family homes that were developed from 25 the 1920s on.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: So you mentioned that
2	it's a quiet neighborhood. Are the home prices
3	there relatively inexpensive or expensive?
4	MR. BERGMAN: Well
5	MS. YOHANNES: Objection?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
7	nature of the objection?
8	MS. YOHANNES: Is he testifying as an
9	expert right now?
10	MS. JEFFERSON: No. I'm asking him as
11	a member of the community as far as
12	MR. BERGMAN: Well I also have a prior
13	_
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, hold on.
15	Sir, sir, hold on.
16	MR. BERGMAN: Yes, sir. I'm sorry.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: His knowledge as a
18	long-standing member of the community.
19	MS. YOHANNES: So could you repeat the
20	question? I still want to, I still raise the
21	objections. I don't think that he's qualified to
22	answer. But -
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you repeat
24	the question, ma'am?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: I don't even remember

1 the question. I'11 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 3 rephrase it. I'm not going to sustain the objection. So I'm going to overrule the 4 5 So if he remembers the question, he objection. can answer. That would be a whole lot 6 MR. BERGMAN: Well, basically, 7 8 Shepherd Park, real estate prices and assessments 9 are very relative. I happen to have been a deputy auditor for the District of Columbia for a 10 11 number of years. And I was involved with a 12 number of assessment issues in the city, both 13 there and on the City Council staff. So I do 14 have some knowledge of assessments. 15 But basically, as most people know, 16 west of the Park is much more expensive than 17 Shepherd Park. Shepherd Park is more expensive 18 than other neighborhoods of single-family 19 detached dwellings. MS. JEFFERSON: Are there very many 20 21 condos in Shepherd Park? 22 MR. BERGMAN: There are a few. 23 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You gave me a 24 declaration. Is this your declaration, Exhibit

21?

1	MS. YOHANNES: Objection, he's
2	testifying.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know,
4	it's an exhibit, so I'm going to overrule the
5	objection. So I don't know. She can show him
6	his declaration.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: Is this your
8	declaration and exhibit?
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what, all
10	right, what exhibit is that you're showing him?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 21.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
13	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Have you read the
15	settlement agreement?
16	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You provided
18	some pictures in
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me ask you
20	a question. I'm sorry to interrupt you. Are you
21	planning to introduce his declaration into
22	evidence?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you need
25	to ask him questions about it, because I'm not

going to -- the reason why I asked you is because 1 2 you're asking about settlement agreements. 3 You're not asking him about a declaration. I'm just saying to you that if you 4 5 don't ask him questions about his declaration, I'm not going to allow you to put a statement in 6 7 the record later on. 8 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So in the settlement 10 MS. JEFFERSON: 11 agreement is there any language that restricts 12 how Champion Kitchen can promote itself? 13 MR. BERGMAN: Yes. Champion, for 14 example, can't use social 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I can't 16 hear you. You're not 17 As I understand MR. BERGMAN: Yes. 18 the settlement agreement, Champion, for example, 19 they can't charge cover charges, they have to 20 adhere to certain capacity. They can't use 21 social media, particularly, to promote 22 themselves. There are a number of issues in the 23 settlement agreement that go to, broadly 24 speaking, what you might call promotion. 25 Can you tell me, the MS. JEFFERSON:

1	picture at the bottom of Page 2, where you got
2	this picture from?
3	MR. BERGMAN: Yes. I went on to
4	Champion's website, and that is a screen shot of
5	what they have. It's one of three images that
6	they post on their website. And I took this one,
7	because I thought it was important.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: And can you read what
9	the big, bold print says?
10	MR. BERGMAN: It says we Champion bar.
11	MS. JEFFERSON: Is Champion Kitchen a
12	bar?
13	MR. BERGMAN: I can't say one way or
14	another.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Is there any language
16	in the settlement agreement that talks about
17	using the word bar?
18	MR. BERGMAN: They're not allowed to.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. You have some
20	other pictures in here on the bottom of Page 4.
21	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Is there any food in
23	that picture?
24	MR. BERGMAN: No.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Are there any napkins

1	in the picture?
2	MR. BERGMAN: No.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Are there any utensils
4	in the picture?
5	MR. BERGMAN: No.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Are there any glasses?
7	MS. YOHANNES: Objection. What's the
8	relevance here?
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to
10	find the exhibit myself. So, I mean, it's her
11	witness, her direct testimony. So, I mean, you
12	can go ahead, ma'am, and ask the question.
13	MS. YOHANNES: But does she plan to
14	enter this entire declaration with these exhibits
15	attached -
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
17	MS. YOHANNES: into evidence?
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to
19	find the declaration. Because I have my
20	exhibits, Number 21, right?
21	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, I have not
23	looked through the documents -
24	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to object to
25	the entire declaration as a whole being admitted

into evidence. I mean, this is all, if he's 1 2 going to testify, he's here now. He can testify. 3 If you're going to talk about specific exhibits or pictures within the exhibit 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the 5 exhibit? This is Exhibit what? 6 7 MS. JEFFERSON: Twenty-one. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I 9 think I have, I forget, I have this - all right. Let's hold on one minute, please. 10 11 All right, go ahead. So, all right, 12 where were we now? I have that. So this is his 13 declaration, and so you're going through his 14 declaration. All right, go ahead. 15 MS. YOHANNES: Can I get a ruling on 16 my objection? 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the 18 objection? 19 MS. YOHANNES: So my objection is one 20 is the declaration. He's testifying now, you 21 know, a statement made out of this hearing be 22 introduced. 23 The second thing is, you know, there 24 are pictures within here that she's referring to, 25 however, there's also, I mean, there are

statements within here as well describing what 1 2 the pictures are. And I would object to that as 3 well. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, they're 4 5 documented not being introduced into evidence at the moment. 6 7 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He's testifying 9 to the documents. So let's see where it is. And 10 if there are, you have an opportunity to cross 11 examine on what's here. So I don't have a 12 problem. This is the Witness' declaration, and 13 she's asking him questions about his declaration. 14 So they objection is overruled. Go ahead. 15 MS. JEFFERSON: You heard today about Department of Health violations that the ABA 16 17 investigator mentioned. Are you aware of any? 18 MR. BERGMAN: Yes. 19 MS. JEFFERSON: And how did you become aware of them? 20 21 MR. BERGMAN: I became aware of them 22 by looking for, well, let me rephrase. 23 settlement agreement requires that Champion 24 Kitchen obey city laws. And it specifically

mentioned ABRA's and DCID -- DCRD and Department

So I looked at Department of Health,
bo I looked at Department of hearth,
and I found three violations that if one, I heard
the inspector say there are now four.
MS. JEFFERSON: I am presenting
Exhibit 22. Are these the reports that you're
mentioning?
MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
MS. JEFFERSON: And can you turn to
the first report? What's the date?
MR. BERGMAN: The date on the first
report, June 30th.
MS. YOHANNES: Can he -
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Stop, all right
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(Simultaneous speaking.)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.
Bergman.
What I'm going to ask you to do, Ms.
Jefferson, I need you to step away. Because
you're having a conversation with him. When I
said have a conversation, I mean you're asking
said have a conversation, I mean you're asking him questions.

MR. BERGMAN: I apologize if I've done 1 2 anything but that, sir. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. You have 4 not done anything inappropriate. The reason I 5 asked her to step away, because if she's not close to you, then you'll talk to us rather than 6 7 have a conversation with her. 8 MR. BERGMAN: Okay. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But that's why 10 I'm asking to create some distance, so therefore, 11 you will speak to us rather than her so we can 12 hear what you're saying. 13 MR. BERGMAN: Yes, sir. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I want to hear 15 what you're saying. All right. So what's the 16 question left then? That's the Exhibit 22? 17 MS. JEFFERSON: I asked the date, and 18 he just stated the date. Can you look on the 19 back page at the bottom? It's the very bottom. 20 Are there any notes down at the bottom? 21 MR. BERGMAN: It says Inspector 22 comments, establishment is hereby ordered to cease and desist 23 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bergman,

speak into the microphone please.

1	(Simultaneous speaking.)
2	MR. BERGMAN: I'm sorry. Is that
3	better?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
5	MR. BERGMAN: Okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
7	MR. BERGMAN: I never have that
8	trouble at home.
9	The establishment is hereby ordered to
10	cease and desist the smoking tobacco. The
11	establishment does not have a smoking exemption
12	for the smoking of tobacco. And then it says who
13	to contact for an exemption.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Can you tell me the
15	date of the second one?
16	MR. BERGMAN: The second one is July
17	24th of this year.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: And what does it say
19	at the bottom?
20	MR. BERGMAN: Inspector comments, the
21	establishment is hereby ordered to cease and
22	desist the smoking tobacco. The establishment
23	does not have a smoking exemption for the smoking
24	of tobacco. Then it says who to contact.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Does it have a

1	timeframe in which this alleged violation needs
2	to be addressed?
3	MR. BERGMAN: Not in this language,
4	no.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: What about the next
6	one. What is the date of that?
7	MR. BERGMAN: August 13th, this year.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: And can you look on
9	the back -
10	MR. BERGMAN: Okay.
11	MS. JEFFERSON: and read that?
12	MR. BERGMAN: Inspector comments,
13	correct cited violations within 14 calendar days.
14	This establishment is hereby issued to cease and
15	desist smoking within the establishment. This
16	serves as the cease and desist order for
17	Champion Kitchen for smoking within
18	establishment. Further remedies will be
19	implemented.
20	And in addition, Champion Restaurant
21	we refer Tobacco Control Program at DC Health.
22	Observed customers smoking what commonly known
23	Hookah. Hookah supplies observed in a room at
24	the backside of the establishment.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you. Mr.

1	Bergman, you mentioned you worked for the DC
2	auditor.
3	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Is tobacco taxed?
5	MS. YOHANNES: Objection?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
7	nature of the objection?
8	MS. YOHANNES: It's irrelevant.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
10	relevance in there?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: The relevance is
12	whether he's adhering to all laws and
13	regulations?
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
15	sustain the objection.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Mr. Bergman, were you
17	at the meeting, the community meeting where the
18	community voted to protest the license?
19	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: And would you say that
21	it was less than five people there?
22	MR. BERGMAN: No.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Would you say,
24	from that meeting, that there were only a few
25	people who protested or voted to protest against

	Champion Kitchen?
2	MR. BERGMAN: No.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Have you heard
4	complaints in your capacity as a member of this
5	community, or on the Board of the SPCA, about
6	Champion Kitchen?
7	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: And what is the nature
9	of those complaints?
10	MR. BERGMAN: I've heard several over
11	time, noise, about behavior outside of the
12	restaurant, as well as people who've gone there.
13	But I have no direct knowledge.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: No questions at this
15	time.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: My witness?
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, her.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh.
20	MS. YOHANNES: So I want to go back to
21	the violations that you referred to. Do you make
22	your own determination as to what violations
23	Champion Kitchen
24	MR. BERGMAN: No.
25	MS. YOHANNES: had right in the

1	settlement agreement, or were there actual
2	settlement agreement violations?
3	MR. BERGMAN: I'm sorry. There are a
4	couple of questions there. Could you break them
5	up?
6	MS. YOHANNES: Sure, I'll break it
7	down. Was there a settlement agreement violation
8	that the Board made against Champion Kitchen?
9	MR. BERGMAN: Was there a settlement
10	agreement violation that the Board made?
11	MS. YOHANNES: Right, that the Board
12	made.
13	MR. BERGMAN: The Board having
14	endorsed the settlement agreement, is that what
15	you're saying?
16	MS. YOHANNES: No. You referred to a
17	settlement agreement violation by Champion
18	Kitchen.
19	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
20	MS. YOHANNES: They were in violation
21	of their settlement agreement, right?
22	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
23	MS. YOHANNES: Did the Board make a
24	determination that they were in violation of the
25	settlement agreement?

1	MR. BERGMAN: Not that I know of.
2	MS. YOHANNES: So how did you come to
3	that determination?
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Objection, which Board
5	is she referring to?
6	MS. YOHANNES: The Board we're in
7	front of.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Rephrase the
9	question, Ms. Yohannes.
10	MS. YOHANNES: Did the Alcoholic
11	Beverage Control Board make a determination that
12	Champion Kitchen was in violation of the
13	settlement agreement?
14	MR. BERGMAN: Not that I know of.
15	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. So you mentioned
16	that you heard complaints previously from
17	residents. Is that correct?
18	MR. BERGMAN: Yes.
19	MS. YOHANNES: Can you tell me when
20	was the last time you heard a complaint about
21	Champion Kitchen that was not from Ms. Jefferson?
22	MR. BERGMAN: Probably within the last
23	two weeks.
24	MS. YOHANNES: Who was the complaint
25	from?

1	MR. BERGMAN: Rich Holzanger and Sarah
2	Green.
3	MS. YOHANNES: And what was the
4	complaint regarding?
5	MR. BERGMAN: Their complaint was
6	regarding the nature of the operation.
7	MS. YOHANNES: Have you -
8	MR. BERGMAN: You'd have to ask them
9	if, ma'am, I can't speak for them.
10	MS. YOHANNES: Sure. Thank you.
11	Where there any noise complaints that were made
12	to you in the last year or that you heard of in
13	the last year?
14	MR. BERGMAN: In the last year, I'd
15	have to search my memory, yes.
16	MS. YOHANNES: Yes? And what were the
17	noise complaints?
18	MR. BERGMAN: The noise complaints
19	were there was noise outside of the
20	MS. YOHANNES: What type of noise?
21	MR. BERGMAN: Music.
22	MS. YOHANNES: Who made the noise
23	complaints.
24	MR. BERGMAN: In the last year, I
25	couldn't tell you specifically who.

1	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. But you have no
2	direct knowledge -
3	MR. BERGMAN: I don't pretend to.
4	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Thank you. No
5	further questions.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
7	by the Board members? Yes, Mr. Short?
8	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Bergman, I bring
9	your attention to testimony that was given
10	earlier by the Applicant in which I asked him, on
11	October 7th, 2018, Case Number 18-CMP-00239,
12	where the Applicant was charged with increased
13	occupancy, failed to follow settlement agreement,
14	and he was fined \$2,500. So your testimony a
15	moment ago him violating settlement agreements
16	might not have been on your -
17	MR. BERGMAN: Thank you.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Do you remember that
19	testimony?
20	MR. BERGMAN: Thank you for refreshing
21	my memory. I didn't want to say the settlement
22	agreement if I didn't have the decision of the
23	Board directly in front of me.
24	MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. That's all
25	I have, Mr. Chair.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
2	questions by any other Board members?
3	Any questions, ma'am, based on the
4	questions asked by Mr. Short?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: No, no further
6	questions.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Not you, it's
8	_
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, I would like to -
10	MEMBER SHORT: It's Ms. Yohannes'
11	turn.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes's
13	turn. I will let you know when it's your turn.
14	MS. YOHANNES: No questions.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
16	based on the questions that were asked by Mr.
17	Short, no, by the questions asked by Mr. Short?
18	No, no?
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, Mr.
20	Bergman, thank you very much for your testimony.
21	Sir, you can step down.
22	Who is our next witness?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Paula Edwards.
24	Can't take papers in this one.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Edwards,

1	can you raise your right hand, please?
2	WHEREUPON,
3	PAULA EDWARDS
4	was called as a witness by Counsel for the and,
5	having been first duly sworn, assumed the witness
6	stand, was examined and testified as follows:
7	MS. EDWARDS: I do.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
9	Make sure you speak into the microphone when you
10	speak, ma'am.
11	Your witness, Ms. Jefferson.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Edwards, how long
13	have you lived in the community?
14	MS. EDWARDS: My family moved to
15	Shepherd Park in 1963, so that's 56 years.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: And have you lived in
17	the community for the vast majority of your life?
18	MS. EDWARDS: Yes.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: So would you say that
20	you are very familiar with the character of the
21	community?
22	MS. EDWARDS: Yes.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Would you describe the
24	community as being different from lower Silver
25	Spring, which is just across the District line?

1	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, they call it the
2	suburbs in the city.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And why do they
4	call it the suburbs in the city?
5	MS. EDWARDS: Because it has a lot of
6	single-family homes, nice lawns, nice lots,
7	quiet.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Is it the type
9	of neighborhood, based on your tenure, that you
10	think would like to have nightclubs or taverns?
11	MS. EDWARDS: Not really, no.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: And have there been
13	nightclubs and taverns.
14	MS. EDWARDS: Oh, yes.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: And are they still,
16	are any of those nightclubs and taverns, that you
17	know of from perhaps 20 years ago, still open
18	today?
19	MS. EDWARDS: No.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And have there
21	been challenges with establishments in Montgomery
22	County coming to -
23	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: the District of
25	Columbia?

MS. YOHANNES: I am just going to 1 2 object to this line of questioning. I don't know 3 where we're going, what the relevance is to 4 Champion. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll give her, I'm going to overrule the objection. 6 But I'll 7 give her some leeway. Remember, time is of the 8 essence. 9 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. We only have one 10 more. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we need to 12 ask questions that are on point. So I'll give you some leeway. I'm not sure where you're going 13 14 with this question. So go ahead. 15 MS. JEFFERSON: And I will ask you 16 Have you been in any meetings with 17 Champion Kitchen? 18 MS. EDWARDS: Yes. 19 MS. JEFFERSON: And in those meetings, 20 did Champion Kitchen represent itself as a family 21 restaurant? 22 MS. EDWARDS: Yes. MS. JEFFERSON: And there were 23 24 pictures that the investigator, here in his 25 report, gave on Exhibit 8. Have you ever been in

1	a family restaurant that looks like that?
2	MS. EDWARDS: Rarely.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. What about one
4	in our community?
5	MS. EDWARDS: Never.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Is there a family
7	restaurant in our community?
8	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, there are several.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And have you
10	ever eaten at Champion Kitchen?
11	MS. EDWARDS: Yes.
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. When you were
13	there, were other people eating?
14	MS. EDWARDS: Ulm -
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Other patrons, not
16	with your party.
17	MS. EDWARDS: I don't think so. I
18	can't remember. There weren't many people there
19	when I was there.
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Did you
21	participate in any of the negotiations with
22	Champion Kitchen relating to the settlement
23	agreement?
24	MS. EDWARDS: The only thing I did
25	participate in was the -

1	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
2	MS. EDWARDS: All right. No, I'm
3	sorry.
4	MS. YOHANNES: I just don't want to
5	get into any settlement discussions or
6	negotiations.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think she
8	said no. She answered -
9	MS. YOHANNES: I think she was -
10	okay.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She said no.
12	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: Have you ever been at
14	Champion Kitchen after midnight?
15	MS. EDWARDS: No.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Have you ever been
17	near Champion Kitchen after midnight?
18	MS. EDWARDS: Yes.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: And how would you
20	describe the activity surrounding the
21	establishment?
22	MS. EDWARDS: When I was there, there
23	were a few people standing outside. And they
24	were talking. They were talking somewhat loudly,
25	but not terribly loudly, no.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: So would you describe
2	it as they were standing there, or would you
3	describe it as they were loitering?
4	MS. EDWARDS: They were -
5	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
7	nature of the objection?
8	MS. YOHANNES: I believe it's been
9	asked and answered. She described what the
10	individuals were doing out there. And now you're
11	asking her to make a legal determination as to
12	whether it's classified or whether it's
13	considered
14	MS. JEFFERSON: In her opinion.
15	MS. YOHANNES: loitering.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: I'll rephrase it. In
17	your opinion, did you believe they were just
18	standing there, or did you believe they were
19	loitering?
20	MS. EDWARDS: They were standing there
21	talking.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And have you
23	heard of any complaints, beyond from myself,
24	about Champion Kitchen?
25	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, I have.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: And what were the
2	nature of those complaints?
3	MS. EDWARDS: There were some people
4	who complained about littering and people coming
5	out of the club late at night.
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Have you attended any
7	ANC meetings where the topic of Champion Kitchen
8	arose?
9	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, I did.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: And what action did
11	the ANC take?
12	MS. EDWARDS: The ANC did not take any
13	action, because the motion to protest was tabled.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Did the ANC ever
15	submit a resolution about Champion Kitchen prior
16	to the protest to the Board?
17	MS. EDWARDS: I was told that they
18	did. But I do not have direct knowledge of that.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And I
20	understand that there were some quarterly reports
21	obtained from the Champion Kitchen. Is that
22	correct?
23	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, there were FOIA
24	requests. We obtained quarterly reports of 2018
25	and 2019.

1 MS. JEFFERSON: And did you look at 2 those reports? 3 MS. EDWARDS: I did. MS. JEFFERSON: And my understanding 4 is Champion Kitchen got their license in 2017. 5 Were there any 2017 reports? 6 7 I received no 2017 MS. EDWARDS: reports. And I was told, I received an email 8 9 from the FOIA office saying that she did not have 10 any 2017 reports to send me. 11 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. So in the 2018 12 and 2019 reports, were there any general 13 observations that you had when you looked at 14 them? 15 The numbers seemed MS. EDWARDS: 16 inconsistent. At first they were consistent, and 17 then they started jumping around. 18 percentages, the only thing we have access to, 19 because the reports are redacted, we have them, 20 but we do have access to the percentage of 21 alcohol sales versus the percentage of food sales 22 and the percentage of cost of food versus the 23 percentage of alcohol. And the numbers at first 24 were consistent, right around 57, 42, or so. 25 MS. JEFFERSON: Which --

That was the first and 1 MS. EDWARDS: 2 second quarter of 2018. 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Which number was 57, and which number was 42? 4 5 MS. EDWARDS: I think they had, 57's the food, and 42 is the alcohol. 6 7 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 8 MS. EDWARDS: And that first and 9 second quarter report's in 2018. And then in the 10 third quarter they had, I think, 65 percent food 11 and 35 percent alcohol. But the food sales were, 12 yes, and the food sales were about 60 percent, 13 the food costs were about 60 percent. And the 14 alcohol costs would have been 35 percent, which 15 seemed a little odd. 16 And then in the fourth quarter, I 17 think it went to, I can't remember. I would have 18 to look at the fourth quarter. And I remember 19 the fourth quarter was 9:01:45. Then the first quarter of 2019 was 75 20 21 percent alcohol and 25 percent food. And we did 22 not receive the second quarter 2019 report. I don't know if it was submitted or whatnot -- that 23 24 FOIA request did not give us that report. 25 MS. JEFFERSON: And you mentioned it

1	seemed a bit varied. What is the basis of that
2	statement?
3	MS. EDWARDS: Well pretty much -
4	MS. YOHANNES: I object here.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
6	nature of the objection?
7	MS. YOHANNES: What is the relevance
8	here? What's the relevance?
9	MS. JEFFERSON: The relevance is
10	whether Champion Kitchen is really a restaurant?
11	MS. YOHANNES: I think a determination
12	has already been made by ABA.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: I think we're debating
14	-
15	MS. YOHANNES: That's not what we're,
16	it's not what we're here for. We're not here at
17	this protest hearing to make that determination.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: That's in our
19	settlement agreement, the nature of the business.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to
21	overrule the objection. But again, I'm not sure
22	the point that's being made, but go ahead.
23	MS. EDWARDS: In my experience, I'm a
24	CPA, and my experience with restaurant accounting
25	is that pretty much these ratios are pretty

consistent. And I submitted into evidence the 1 2 alcohol, the industry standards, the industry 3 benchmarks for most restaurants of this size. And so for the percentages to jump 4 5 around so much is somewhat concerning, well, not concerning, but it's a little, it's something 6 7 that makes you look at things a little bit 8 closer, multiple things a little more closely. 9 MS. JEFFERSON: And you said you submitted it into evidence. Is that Exhibit 20? 10 11 MS. EDWARDS: Yes, in Exhibit 20. 12 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. I would like to submit exhibit 20 into evidence. 13 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, let me 15 find Exhibit 20 first. It's, okay, so we're 16 MS. JEFFERSON: Her declaration. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Am I looking at 18 the same Exhibit 20, it has, what, Georgia Avenue 19 Spirit and Wine. Is that 20 MS. JEFFERSON: No. I don't 21 MS. EDWARDS: It's Exhibit 20, and 22 it's divided into four parts. PE2 is the part 23 that has the industry standards. MS. JEFFERSON: Chair, I'm not sure 24 25 which, these numbers are exhibits, but I'm not

1	sure which is -
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the
3	exhibit?
4	MS. EDWARDS: It's Exhibit 20.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit
6	20?
7	MS. JEFFERSON: The Exhibit is Paula's
8	declaration that has several exhibits attached.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do it's a
10	declaration?
11	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm just admitting it
12	into evidence. I'm not asking her any questions
13	about it. I just -
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Whose
15	declaration is it?
16	MS. JEFFERSON: It's hers.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you want to
18	move a document into evidence, it has to be
19	introduced. And we need to have, it has be
20	identified, and we need to have testimony again
21	on the document.
22	I'm not going to introduce a document
23	into the record, say a declaration, and that we
24	have not had any testimony. I don't know what it
25	is. I'm unable to look at the document at the

But I'm just saying that, just as a 1 2 general matter, we have to have testimony on the 3 document. A witness has to identify it. We have 4 to have specific testimony on the document. 5 And once we have that, then you can make a motion to move it into evidence. 6 7 ask the other side whether or not they object to 8 it, as we did before. And whether or not there 9 are objections or not, then I'll make a ruling whether or not I'll allow the document in. 10 11 But I'm just saying, as a general 12 matter, you need to have testimony on the 13 document, have the person go through the document 14 and what it is, and then you can try to move it 15 into evidence. 16 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. And thank you 17 for helping me with that. I appreciate that, Chair. 18 19 Exhibit 20, is this your declaration? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 20 And I have to 21 find the -- I still can't find the declaration. 22 You can go ahead. I'm looking for the document, but go ahead. 23 24 MS. JEFFERSON: And what is attached 25 to that declaration?

1	MS. EDWARDS: My documents, the
2	quarterly reports are attached, the industry
3	standards for small restaurants are attached,
4	some violations for Champion Kitchen are
5	attached. And the invoices that were taken by
6	ABA investigators relating to Champion Kitchen
7	are attached, the settlement agreement, pictures
8	from the website of Champion Kitchen are
9	attached.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: And so in total, would
11	you agree that it is over 83 pages with your
12	declaration and exhibits?
13	MS. EDWARDS: It is.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
15	MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Chairman, would you
16	like my exhibits?
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?
18	MS. YOHANNES: Would you like my
19	exhibits?
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is a
21	declaration of Paula Edwards.
22	MS. EDWARDS: It is.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What Exhibit
24	did you say it is?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Twenty.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2	There is more than one Exhibit 20 in the package
3	that I'm looking at. But I have located it.
4	Yes, what -
5	MS. YOHANNES: I think she's moving
6	for this. Are you -
7	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
8	MS. YOHANNES: You moved, and I didn't
9	want to object yet.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: On what basis?
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. All
12	right. I have the document. So what's the
13	nature of the objection?
14	MS. YOHANNES: Ms. Edwards is
15	testifying right now. And I know, and she's
16	trying to submit, I'm sorry, Ms. Jefferson is
17	trying to submit a statement, you know, out of
18	this Board room. And you've got as evidence with
19	what, 30, I don't know how many exhibits are
20	attached to this.
21	And the exhibits are not even - these
22	are separate exhibits that have not been
23	identified and not been, there's no foundation
24	for each of these separate exhibits. I don't
25	know what this is.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: She just identified
2	it.
3	MS. YOHANNES: She identified every
4	MS. JEFFERSON: I just asked her to
5	identify the exhibits, and she did.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7	That was not done though. There's a lot of
8	documents here, and I have not, I don't know
9	what. So we need to go through, we would need to
10	go through Exhibit 20. Because I found Exhibit
11	20. And how many pages is Exhibit 20?
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Eighty-three pages.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, if there
14	are 83 pages, she has not gone through the pages
15	to identify the documents. So if you're trying
16	to introduce them into evidence, then we need to
17	go through. Because of the period that was in
18	Exhibit 20, that there's sub-exhibits, is that
19	correct?
20	MS. EDWARDS: That is.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So then you
22	would have to go through all of the sub-exhibits
23	in the document before I'm going to allow it in
24	evidence.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Edwards, can you

go through your exhibits? What is the 1 2 MS. EDWARDS: The first attachment is 3 the first quarter report. We had the first quarter of 2018 report for Champion Kitchen. 4 5 second, on the backside of that, is the second quarter report, 2018, Champion Kitchen, third 6 7 quarter, 2018, Champion Kitchen, fourth quarter, 8 2019, Champion Kitchen, first quarter, 2019, 9 Champion Kitchen. The restaurant benchmarks from 10 11 bloombergintelligence.com, which show the 12 benchmarks for small and medium size restaurants 13 14 I'm sorry, we're going MS. YOHANNES: 15 too fast. 16 MS. EDWARDS: Okay, sorry. 17 MS. YOHANNES: And if we're, if it has 18 this exhibit, are we treating this as separate 19 exhibits right now? Because I do want to -- do 20 you want me to comment on each one individually, 21 object on each, object on them as a whole? 22 Because my objection, first of all, is 23 it a whole? But if you are, you know, if you 24 want me to object on each individual one, and you

want to separate them, you're inclined to do so.

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1	Then I'd like to object on each individual one.
2	Because still with the first one or, I
3	guess, Exhibit PE1, there's no foundation for
4	this. It hasn't been, I mean, you're trying to
5	lay a foundation, but it hasn't been
6	authenticated. I don't know where this came
7	from. I mean, it's not clear. It's not clear to
8	me. Is it clear to the Board?
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I
10	would not have an issue with PE1. Because it's
11	on ABRA's letterhead. It's an email from ABA.
12	So these are, it's an email that was provided by
13	ABA. So this is an ABA document.
14	MS. YOHANNES: Who was notified at
15	QuickBase? I guess I can, okay.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Chair Anderson, the
17	SPCA has no direct access until we protest to get
18	the quarterly reports. That's in the ABA
19	regulations.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, the
21	document appears to be, I'm not sure how, so
22	MS. YOHANNES: I can ask -
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why don't we -
24	MS. YOHANNES: because I don't know
25	who notified QuickBase.com.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 1 So 2 let's go through the documents before the 3 documents are allowed to move into evidence. 4 Then we can go through the documents. 5 I also want to remind you, Ms. Jefferson, that your time is limited. How many 6 7 more witnesses do you have? 8 MS. JEFFERSON: Just me. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just you. I 10 just want to let you know that right now you have ten minutes. However, I'll give you some leeway. 11 12 So I'm not going to cut your time off if I say 13 you only have ten minutes, and therefore - but I 14 want to let you know. I just want to let you 15 know the time. I will however, give you an 16 opportunity to testify. 17 All right. So let's go through this document or the series of documents. 18 So the 19 first document that the Witness testified, this 20 is supposed to be the ABA, the quarterly report 21 for Champion Kitchen. 22 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. 23 MS. EDWARDS: This is what we received 24 from the FOIA request. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1	Okay.
2	MS. EDWARDS: And so, those five
3	documents that I just described.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5	MS. EDWARDS: The second documents are
6	the restaurant benchmarks from
7	bloombergintelligence.com and from
8	bakertilly.com, which are two restaurant
9	benchmark other two accounting firms that do
10	restaurant accounting and they do benchmarks.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And why is this
12	relevant to
13	MS. EDWARDS: It's relevant to show
14	the industry standards, as far as alcohol and
15	food sales are concerned, and the relative cost.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, go
17	ahead. I'm not saying I'm she's testifying
18	about the documents. Go ahead.
19	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. I believe the
20	rest of well, the exhibit PE3 has already been
21	presented, so I won't belabor that. The
22	settlement agreement is included in that and the
23	violations are included in that.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, you're
25	saying that the rest of the documents are

1	MS. EDWARDS: I think the rest of the
2	documents have
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: all of this
4	are ABRA's.
5	MS. EDWARDS: Right, they're all ABRA,
6	except for the pictures. The pictures are ours,
7	but most of the documents are ABRA documents that
8	we received through FOIA.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, what are
10	the pictures?
11	MS. EDWARDS: The pictures are from
12	the website, from the Facebook page of Champion
13	Kitchen.
14	And they're all from the Champion Kitchen. The
15	Facebook page, our website and they have a
16	website.
17	(Simultaneous speaking.)
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, go ahead.
19	All right, so all right. So, you're trying to
20	move these documents into evidence at this
21	juncture?
22	MS. EDWARDS: Yes.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objections?
24	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you

object to?

MS. YOHANNES: So, I will object to the first -- to her declaration. That declaration page. The first page.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the

nature of that objection for the first page?

MS. YOHANNES: Because this is a signed statement by the witness where the witness is already -- she's already taken an oath right now, she's testifying. We don't need an

out-of-court or out-of-hearing statement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you can cross-examine her. It's her statement she's testifying, so you can cross-examine her on her statement.

don't need a hearsay statement. She's speaking.

If she was not here testifying, then I would agree with you. But she's here, so you can -- it's her document, so you can cross-examine her on her -- all right, this is what I will do.

I'm going to defer a ruling on the documents until you have had an opportunity to cross-examine the witness. And once you have cross-examined the witness, then we -- and you can cross-examine her about the documents -- then

1	you can renew your objection to the document and
2	I'll make a ruling.
3	MS. YOHANNES: Okay, thank you.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5	MS. YOHANNES: No further questions of
6	Ms. Edwards.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	It's your opportunity to cross-examine the
9	witness.
10	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. So, I'll start
11	and refer to Exhibit and I guess this is PE4.
12	Where is this exhibit from?
13	MS. EDWARDS: Hold on. Wait a minute.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which is PE4?
15	Let me make sure I'm looking at the same
16	document. Can I see PE4.
17	MS. YOHANNES: I feel like I'm about
18	to lay the foundation for her own exhibits.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I want to
20	make sure I'm following you along. That's what
21	I'm saying. Yeah.
22	MS. YOHANNES: PE4 is the last
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Show me the
24	document please, for me to make sure that
25	MS. YOHANNES: May I

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, you can.
2	So I just want to make sure I'm looking at the
3	same document at the same time.
4	(Off-microphone comments.)
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: PE4? That's
6	under Exhibit 20?
7	MS. EDWARDS: Mm-hmm.
8	MS. YOHANNES: Yeah.
9	PARTICIPANT: I think I see it.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I have to look
11	at it.
12	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
13	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 20 for
14	identification.)
15	MS. YOHANNES: Okay, I'm going to
16	withdraw my question, because I don't I'm
17	going to withdraw my question on that
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
19	MS. YOHANNES: And in terms of
20	we're doing to break these down. I have no
21	objection to any of the, I guess PE3 is the
22	only one I have an objection to.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which one is
24	that?
25	MS. YOHANNES: It's the one I just

1	showed you. PE4, sorry.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, I saw
3	PE3.
4	MS. YOHANNES: All I have heard is
5	that these are pictures. I don't know there
6	hasn't been foundation that's been laid on this.
7	It hasn't been authenticated. I don't know where
8	it came from.
9	MS. EDWARDS: She mentioned it when I
10	asked her was she whispering
11	MS. YOHANNES: I think my objection
12	(Simultaneous speaking.)
13	MS. YOHANNES: the Chair answer,
14	make a ruling.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
16	you object to PE4. What's PE4?
17	MS. YOHANNES: I think that's my
18	objection. We don't know what it is. There's
19	been no foundation, it hasn't been authenticated.
20	Where did this come from?
21	And I'm not asking that so that the
22	witness can answer; I'm saying her opportunity to
23	answer is already I mean, she tried to show
24	her this. So I don't know what this is.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm looking at

PE4 and I have no idea what it is. And so 1 2 therefore, I'm not going to -- the objection is 3 sustained. I don't know what PE4 is. I see it says SAG Tysons, Virginia, 4 5 Rick S., Baltimore, Maryland. I don't know what So, if that's the only document that you 6 7 have an objection to, then I will move Protestant Exhibit 20 into the record with the exception of 8 9 sub-Exhibit PE4. 10 And in the future, Ms. Jefferson, 11 whoever is labeling, the way the documents are 12 labeled is confusing. And so I know that you have a major exhibit, but then within it you have 13 several sub-exhibits. And so it's hard to 14 15 identify, because even in the document I see you have Exhibit 8 within Exhibit 20. 16 17 But anyway, so we'll move Exhibit 20 of Protestant exhibits into evidence with the 18 19 exception of PE4 of that exhibit. 20 (Whereupon, the above-referred-to 21 document was received into evidence as Protestant 22 Exhibit 20.) 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any 24 other questions for the witness? 25 MS. YOHANNES: I have no questions.

2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
	questions by the Board of the witness?
3	Ms. Edwards, thank you very much for
4	your testimony. You can step down.
5	Your time, Ms. Jefferson, is probably
6	almost exhausted. But because you are the last
7	witness, we'll give you an opportunity to
8	testify. But please be mindful of the time.
9	So, I was told you have three minutes.
10	However, I'm not going to limit you to three
11	minutes. However, I want you to be mindful of
12	the time since you have exceeded 87 of your
13	allotted 90 minutes. Okay? All right. All
14	right, well who's questioning you?
15	MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
17	right. Ms. Edwards, who's your next witness?
18	MS. EDWARDS: I think this is to Ms.
19	Jefferson. Ms. Jefferson is our next witness.
19	
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Edwards,
	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Edwards, who is your next witness?
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20 21	who is your next witness?
20 21 22	who is your next witness?  MS. EDWARDS: Ms. Jefferson is our

1	MS. EDWARDS: Yes, she is.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jefferson,
3	can you raise your right hand, please.
4	WHEREUPON,
5	NAIMA JEFFERSON
6	was called for examination by Counsel for the
7	Applicant and, having first been duly sworn,
8	assumed the witness stand, was examined and
9	testified as follows.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Ms.
11	Edwards, I'm not picking on you, but remember
12	this is being transcribed, and so therefore I
13	need to identify what is going on. So,
14	therefore, you have to identify you have to
15	call a witness. And so therefore, if someone
16	reads the transcript, they will know what it
17	occurring.
18	MS. EDWARDS: Okay.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay?
20	MS. EDWARDS: Mm-hmm. Okay.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22	Your witness, ma'am.
23	DIRECT EXAMINATION
24	MS. EDWARDS: What is your role on the
25	SPCA board, Ms. Jefferson?

1	MS. JEFFERSON: I am currently in my
2	second term as President. And prior to that, I
3	was the Chair of the Planning and Zoning and
4	Economic Development Committee, which dealt with,
5	among other things, alcohol licensing.
6	MEMBER SHORT: Speak into the mike,
7	please.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Pull the
9	microphone closer to you, please.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Is this better?
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
12	MEMBER SHORT: Yes.
13	MS. EDWARDS: Does she need to repeat
14	that answer?
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think she's
16	fine. We just want to let you know that we need
17	to hear her.
18	MS. EDWARDS: Of course. Before
19	well, let's see. You already answered that.
20	Have you met with Mr. Worku?
21	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. I initially met
22	with Mr. Worku when he came into our community
23	and when he applied for his licensing. At the
24	time, Ed Atkins, who is a Board member with the
25	Chair of the Planning and Zoning and Economic

Development Committee, and we met with him when 1 2 the interior structure of the premises was being 3 gutted, as well as during several community meetings and mediations in regards to the 4 5 settlement agreement. Subsequently, we've met afterwards 6 7 several times on numerous occasions, relating to 8 issues in the community and his desire to 9 increase occupancy. 10 MS. EDWARDS: Have you ever seen 11 litter surround Champion Kitchen? 12 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. And I took some 13 photos. 14 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. And those are 15 Exhibits 24, 26, 25 and 27. Is that correct? 16 MS. JEFFERSON: That's correct. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you're going 18 -- and you're not an attorney, so that's the only 19 reason I'm doing that. So therefore, if you want 20 to introduce, then you need to take the documents 21 out, have her identify and describe what these 22 exhibits are, please. 23 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. I show you 24 Exhibit 24. Is this one of the examples? 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ask her to

1	describe to identify for her to identify
2	what is Exhibit 24.
3	MS. EDWARDS: Can you identify Exhibit
4	24?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: So, this is Champion
6	Kitchen and this shows litter all in front of the
7	establishment. This is the mirror of my van. I
8	was driving down the street and pulled over and
9	took the photo. So that's what that is.
10	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
11	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 24 for
12	identification.)
13	MS. EDWARDS: And I show you Exhibit
14	25.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: So 25 are don't litter
16	signs that are from the DC government. I got
17	these from our Ward 4 MOCR. They're all along
18	Kalmia, as well as there's one right at the
19	corner, in front of Champion Kitchen in the
20	public space in the planter, because the litter
21	was just getting out of control.
22	We also put them further down on
23	Georgia Avenue, near another licensee which is
24	irrelevant to this matter.
25	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to

document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 25 for 1 2 identification.) 3 MS. EDWARDS: And this is Exhibit 26. MS. JEFFERSON: So, Exhibit 26 was 4 taken the next morning when -- the night before 5 Ms. Edwards and I had gone to Ohev Shalom, which 6 7 is the orthodox synagogue in our community. 8 And we got in sometime after -- almost 9 10 o'clock. We had stayed there for services, as 10 well as stayed there eating. But they only had 11 like little snacks. And so, when I got home. Ms. 12 Edwards dropped me off. I was hungry. 13 And my husband walked to Taco Bell. 14 When I arrived home that night, which was around 15 10 o'clock, Target was closed and there was no 16 trash. This was the next morning in front of my 17 That's my minivan. house. 18 (Whereupon, the above-referred-to 19 document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 26 for 20 identification.) 21 MS. EDWARDS: And Exhibit 27. 22 MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 27 was taken 23 -- that's Champion Kitchen with the orange roof. 24 It shows the newspaper stand knocked over. Ιt 25 shows cans, empty bottles, and other litter and

trash strewn up on Georgia Avenue. 1 2 (Whereupon, the above-referred-to 3 document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 27 for 4 identification.) 5 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you. Metro is proposing changes to the S9, S2 and S4 bus 6 7 routes. And have any neighbors -- I'm sorry, I 8 withdraw that question. Have any neighbors 9 submitted declarations about the problems with 10 Champion? 11 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. Sarah Green and 12 Rich Holzanger sent me declarations, as well as Rich sent -- Sarah Green's declaration had a 13 14 receipt from her meal that she had at Champion 15 Kitchen. And Rich Holzanger emailed me his. 16 17 Neither one could attend. He had some photos and 18 he actually had a video, which I brought the 19 video. Ms. -- I can't remember her name -- she 20 queued the system for me to queue it up. But I 21 have to go over there to do it. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. 23 What --24 MS. EDWARDS: There's a video that --25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Has this video

1	been disclosed?
2	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, it was disclosed.
3	MS. YOHANNES: Are we yeah.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The video was
5	disclosed seven days prior to the hearing?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
7	MS. YOHANNES: Which video are you
8	referring to? What's the exhibit number?
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit number is
10	that 57?
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit is
12	this?
13	MS. JEFFERSON: I would have to see
14	the exhibit list to tell me
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Before we I
16	need to find out whether or not before we're
17	going to look at a video, I need to know that the
18	video was disclosed.
19	MS. YOHANNES: If she can videos
20	were disclosed. I'm just trying to determine
21	which exhibit you're referring to, because I say
22	which video. I don't know which video.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, what
24	exhibit is this that we're looking at?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Which one? The photos

are exhibits -- first of all, the declarations 1 2 they're bringing is 28, the declaration of Rich 3 Holzanger. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All 5 right, I can't have you -- all right, we're not 6 going to have any testimony -- what's the 7 declaration of Sarah Green? What number is that? That is number 28. 8 MS. EDWARDS: 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 10 we're not going to have -- Sarah Green is not 11 here. 12 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. She couldn't 13 come. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sarah Green is 15 The licensee cannot cross-examine a not here. 16 document that a witness is not here. So, that's 17 not -- that will not be allowed into evidence. 18 So, the 28 will not be -- because you can't 19 testify on a declaration for someone who is not 20 here, who cannot be cross-examined. What's the 21 other one? 22 MS. EDWARDS: Number 53 is the video. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 24 number 53. So is number 53 the video that would 25 be --

1	MS. JEFFERSON: No. No. We're in the
2	30s. It's in the front.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What video are
4	we supposed to look at now?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Since he's not here, I
6	can't you told me that he's not here to be
7	cross-examined about it. So
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you don't
9	know anything about his video?
10	MS. JEFFERSON: I just know he sent it
11	to me to submit.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
13	no.
14	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, we're not
16	going to view whatever video is queued up. Is
17	there another document?
18	MS. EDWARDS: There's a video of the
19	neon Champion Kitchen sign.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why is that
21	relevant since we've had testimony? Unless you
22	are refuting that the sign was taken down.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: So, that was in our
24	notice of cure that's in evidence. It's one of
25	our exhibits. We submitted a notice to cure to

1	Champion Kitchen. It was also attached, as it
2	related to Champion Kitchen wanting to have more
3	occupancy when we intervened before the Board.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm just
5	saying, I thought we had testimony and one of the
6	things that one of the exhibits that was
7	submitted by the licensee was that there was the
8	sign and it was taken down.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: This is a different
10	sign.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So, what
12	exhibit is that, ma'am?
13	MS. JEFFERSON: That's number 43.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, number 43.
15	All right, so do we have that video?
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
17	PARTICIPANT: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman,
18	is this dated September 14, 1974?
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah. It says
20	video of view on Champion Kitchen outdoor signage
21	on 9/14/1974 at 11
22	MS. JEFFERSON: That's my birthday.
23	I'm sorry, it should have been 2019.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: It was on my birthday.

1	I apologize.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
3	the date is
4	MS. JEFFERSON: So, now everybody
5	knows how old I am.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
7	the information as I stated to counsel earlier
8	when you raised the objection, it was so, this
9	is sloppily identified. I just trying to be even
10	on both sides.
11	But like I said, I said that to
12	counsel earlier on the other side, when someone
13	of the exhibits were improperly identified and
14	you raised an objection. So, this is a video
15	that we're I'm sorry, this video was taken
16	when, I guess?
17	MS. JEFFERSON: This was September 14,
18	2019. This is the sign. If you see, it's
19	flashing different colors.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
21	MS. JEFFERSON: That sign, we put it
22	in our notice to cure. You actually have to have
23	a permit and it's illegal in the District of
24	Columbia to have a flashing sign like that.
25	We'd already notified the applicant

1	about that in that 2008 notice to cure. Nothing
2	has changed.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Still flashing, no
5	permit for that. And you actually can't have
6	that. So, if you would take administrative
7	notice of the regulations under the building
8	code. It's also in our settlement agreement it
9	talks about the sign.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it that
11	your settlement agreement states? You said it's
12	in your settlement agreement. So, what does it
13	
14	MS. JEFFERSON: I don't I could
15	read it for you if I had it in front of me. If
16	you pull number 7, there's a clear copy.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
18	let's move on.
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
21	questions? Any other exhibits?
22	MS. EDWARDS: Yes. Did you check with
23	DC Unified Communications to see if any calls had
24	been made for a noise violation?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, I did. I did a

1 FOIA request. MS. EDWARDS: And that is Exhibit 35? 2 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. Exhibit 35 are 4 calls for service. They're requesting calls for 5 service, not noise violations. I'm sorry, calls for 6 MS. EDWARDS: 7 service. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So can you --9 MS. EDWARDS: I'm showing you Exhibit 35. Is this the --10 11 Yes. MS. JEFFERSON: And the 12 information that's redacted is related to, I 13 think, the licensee. This was the information 14 that was given. If you -- this is the letter. Ι 15 just redacted my address but it has the zip code. And this was the information that was 16 17 It has the address of the premises, it 18 has the dates, starting in January of 2018, which 19 my request asks for January 1, 2018 to May 14, 2019. 20 21 It has the date, the time, and what 22 was explained to me from DC Unified Communications, was when they do the 2-5 brief 23 24 for N2 that is on there, that that means that

they are redacting who made the call for service

1	for privacy reasons.
2	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Also, did the
3	SPCA send a letter to the applicant to cure a
4	notice to cure?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. I just testified
6	about that.
7	MS. EDWARDS: Okay, and that's Exhibit
8	92.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Remember,
10	you're not having a conversation with the
11	witness.
12	MS. EDWARDS: I'm sorry, you're right.
13	You're right.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're asking
15	questions for us to hear.
16	MS. EDWARDS: You're right. Okay.
17	MS. YOHANNES: I'm sorry, are you
18	referring to an exhibit. I didn't hear that.
19	MS. EDWARDS: No, I'm sorry.
20	Withdrawn.
21	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
22	MS. EDWARDS: Oh, have you ever seen
23	rowdy patrons in the neighborhood?
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Several times. In
25	fact, they wake me up quite often. I live in the

first house on Kalmia. So, when you see pictures of Champion Kitchen, it's like a peninsula kind of squared lot. It's a strange intersection.

And I am the first residential house next to the brick wall that separates the commercial lot where Morris Miller and Target is.

And I have seen many a patron drunk and intoxicated, and in fact, I think it was either in the summer or the spring, I actually walked outside and stood there and just videotaped them while they were drunk and falling over. And then, they started walking back towards the establishment. Also, I believe it was in either 2017 or 2018, I sent an email to Commissioner Lincoln and Mark Patterson, who is on the Board of the SPCA, about some rowdy patrons who decided to make a music video in front of my house, kind of like Luke Skywalker with the giant rating on top of the vehicle.

And I said some expletives to them because it woke me up out of my sleep.

MS. EDWARDS: And is that Exhibit 46?

Is that the email that you sent to let them know about this --

MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, Exhibit 46 is the

email that I sent to Mark Patterson and 1 2 Commissioner Stacey Lincoln, who is our Single 3 Member District Commissioner. (Whereupon, the above-referred-to 4 document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 46 for 5 identification.) 6 7 MR. JEFFERSON: I also copied Ed 8 Atkins, who was the Planning, Building and 9 Economic Development Committee Chair at the time that I just mentioned, and John Goodloe, who 10 11 lives in the first residential house next to the 12 Church on Alaska Avenue. 13 MS. EDWARDS: I'd like to move that Exhibit 46 be moved into evidence. 14 15 I'm going to object. MS. YOHANNES: 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why are you 17 objecting? 18 MS. YOHANNES: It's more prejudicial 19 than it is relevant. She's here today, she just 20 gave testimony on it. There are comments in here 21 that are prejudicial and I can't address them, or 22 I can't really -- I can't discern the factual nature of this. And I think she's already 23 24 testified. And I think she's testified as to 25 what the document says. So, we don't need the

1 document. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, I mean, 3 this is an email that was sent by the witness. 4 She's testifying about an email that she sent. 5 Yeah, I don't see any reason why -- she testified about the email. 6 7 I see no reason why I would not -- I'm 8 going to overrule the objection. 9 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. 10 (Whereupon, the above-referred-to 11 document was received into evidence as Protestant 12 Exhibit 46.) 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, this is 14 an objection that --15 MS. EDWARDS: So, this is moved into 16 evidence. 17 MS. JEFFERSON: And I also made a 18 video of patrons that were intoxicated. were stumbling around, they were smoking weed, it 19 20 was enough to wake me up. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'm -- I 22 mean, right now I'll move Exhibit 46 of 23 Protestant exhibit into evidence, because it's an 24 email by the witness, who she's testifying that

she sent an email regarding Champion Kitchen and

1	she's this is documenting what she just
2	testified to. So I see no reason why the
3	document cannot be part of the record.
4	MS. EDWARDS: Did you take a video of
5	this behavior?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: I did.
7	MS. EDWARDS: Okay. And that is
8	Exhibit 53.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: That is what I
10	submitted in Exhibit 53.
11	MS. EDWARDS: And is this the video
12	that you took?
13	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. It's three women
14	and a man. I had to turn it so you could I'm
15	sorry, it's sideways. That's my van again.
16	That's the church. And they were out there
17	smoking weed, being loud, stumbling around.
18	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
19	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 53 for
20	identification.)
21	MS. JEFFERSON: This is a quiet
22	residential neighborhood. Most folks that live
23	in our neighborhood are sleep. They're not out
24	in the street standing out there smoking weed.
25	MS. EDWARDS: And I'd like to move

1	that Exhibit 53 be accepted into evidence.
2	MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to object as
3	to, I mean, the relevance of that. I can't even
4	see what's going on in that video, where these
5	people are, how it relates specifically to
6	Champion.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: There's no other
8	establishment open over there.
9	MS. YOHANNES: Your video doesn't I
10	don't see that in the video. There are other
11	establishments. You already indicated that in
12	your testimony and indicated that previously
13	MS. JEFFERSON: I did not state that
14	(Simultaneous speaking.)
15	MS. YOHANNES: There are not
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jefferson,
17	this is not for you to respond.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay, I'm sorry.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's for Ms.
20	Edwards to respond.
21	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. My bad.
22	MS. EDWARDS: I do not believe that
23	Ms. Jefferson referenced any other establishments
24	that were open at that time of night in that
25	neighborhood across the street from her house.

1	The only place that
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
3	you, Ms
4	MS. EDWARDS: The only place that is
5	located across the street from her house is
6	Champion Kitchen.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you're
8	objecting to the video why?
9	MS. YOHANNES: Yeah, I can't see
10	what's in the video, I don't know what it is, I
11	don't know how it relates to Champion.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
13	going to sustain the objection. I can't picture
14	where it is. I don't know, it was not I don't
15	know where this was taken because it could be out
16	of context. So, I'm not going to admit this
17	MS. EDWARDS: Was there another video
18	you took?
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
20	MS. EDWARDS: That's Exhibit 34.
21	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
22	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 34 for
23	identification.)
24	MS. YOHANNES: So, at this time I'm
25	sorry, can I just make a request and ask where we

1	are on time? I am going to have I have to
2	recall a witness based on testimony that was just
3	given. So
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How much more
5	time do you need?
6	MS. EDWARDS: Five minutes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	MS. EDWARDS: Is this the second video
9	that you took of the people?
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. But that's the
11	church, Northminster, over there, and that's
12	Champion Kitchen. That's Kalmia Road that's
13	right there in front and they're walking back
14	towards the establishment. You can see the
15	flashing lights.
16	That's from Zeke Café across the
17	street and they're walking back through the
18	neighborhood being very loud, talking, being
19	rowdy.
20	MS. EDWARDS: Okay, I'd like to move
21	Exhibit 34 into evidence.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
23	questions regarding Exhibit 34?
24	MS. YOHANNES: I object for very
25	similar grounds or the same grounds. I don't see

1	how that's relevant in that there are people out
2	there, we don't know where they're going, we
3	don't know when this was taken. I don't know how
4	this relates specifically to Champion.
5	MS. EDWARDS: When was this taken?
6	MS. YOHANNES: There's an objection
7	right now.
8	MS. EDWARDS: There's an objection.
9	Okay.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I mean
11	MS. EDWARDS: She asked when it was
12	taken.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who took the
14	video?
15	MS. JEFFERSON: I took the video.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll allow the
17	document. So, this is exhibit what? What
18	exhibit is this again? I'm sorry.
19	MS. EDWARDS: This is Exhibit 34.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'll allow
21	Exhibit 34.
22	MS. EDWARDS: Thank you.
23	MS. YOHANNES: I don't think that's
24	Exhibit 34.
25	MS. EDWARDS: It's marked 34

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's not
2	Exhibit 34.
3	MS. EDWARDS: It's an MPD. It's on
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry.
5	What exhibit was this video? It's not 34. At
6	least it's not 34 is the ABRA noise complaint
7	log.
8	MS. EDWARDS: I'm sorry, it's Exhibit
9	54. I'm sorry.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Fifty what?
11	MS. EDWARDS: Fifty-four. Five-four.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So,
13	we'll I'll correct the record so we'll allow
14	Exhibit
15	MS. EDWARDS: Five-four.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 54, which
17	was it was taken by Ms. Jefferson on May 30,
18	2019 at 2:27 a.m. Any other questions?
19	MS. EDWARDS: Let me see. Oh, did you
20	speak with a realtor about the property at 7723
21	Alaska Avenue?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: I did. I spoke to the
23	listing agent.
24	MS. EDWARDS: And what were his
25	comments to you

1	MS. JEFFERSON: The question was
2	there were lots of questions from people in the
3	community as to why those condo units by the
4	condo building in and of itself, had been vacant
5	for so long, even though it had been newly
6	renovated. The price point is relatively low for
7	our community
8	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: in terms of new
10	housing.
11	MS. YOHANNES: Objection.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
13	nature of the objection?
14	MS. YOHANNES: Relevance. We're
15	talking about a condo building that's
16	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm talking about real
17	estate.
18	MS. YOHANNES: I don't know how this
19	is relevant. And if you're talking about real
20	estate, then there's no expert here to testify.
21	She's testifying on behalf of an expert. That's
22	hearsay. I can't cross this expert, if that's
23	what the intention is here.
24	MS. EDWARDS: One of the issues in the
25	ABRA licensing process I believe is the effect of

1 the licensee on property values. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But how -- what expertise does Ms. Jefferson have to testify on 3 4 that? 5 MS. EDWARDS: Ms. Jefferson is in the financial --6 7 I'm in financial MS. JEFFERSON: 8 services and my family is developers. So, I 9 think I have expertise to talk about land values. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That was not 11 presented. I mean, that was not -- I'm going to 12 13 MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sharing my conversation that I had with the realtor and the 14 15 data that the realtor provided me. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll accept it 17 for whatever it's worth. So, all right. what is it that --18 19 MS. JEFFERSON: So, the realtor -- I 20 had the conversation with the realtor as to why 21 the property was sitting there so long. 22 stated before, Mr. Bergman had mentioned there's 23 very few condo buildings in our community. It's 24 mostly single-family homes and there's a few

semi-detached. My home is one of the smaller

homes in the neighborhood. 1 2 And it was very surprising because a 3 lot of people want to move into the neighborhood 4 for Shepherd Elementary, and to get into the 5 Deal/Wilson pipeline. And so, people just couldn't understand why no one was moving in 6 7 there. 8 So, I reached out to the listing agent 9 and our conversation comprised of why there wasn't interest. And some of the interest was 10 11 attributed to the surrounding area and how some 12 of the potential buyers when they came to see, 13 saw a nightclub out the north side of their 14 windows, because the building faces west on 15 Alaska. 16 And so, I asked him. I said, well, 17 how does that compare to the property --18 MS. YOHANNES: I'm going to object --19 MS. JEFFERSON: -- on Fern. 20 MS. YOHANNES: -- this is going so

MS. YOHANNES: -- this is going so

far. And I have no -- I don't even know who

she's talking about in terms of her -
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm taking it

for whatever it's worth.

MS. YOHANNES: Okay.

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's so
2	MS. JEFFERSON: I'll finish up. I
3	asked him how that compared to there's a new
4	condo building at 1101 Fern Street. It's at the
5	corner of Fern and Georgia Avenue, right across
6	from Walter Reed.
7	Those condos went really fast, and in
8	fact the prices bid up, whereas the condos at
9	7723, they stayed on the market a very long time,
10	and in fact he had to do price declines to get
11	people to purchase them.
12	Most of them are one-bedrooms and very
13	few two-bedroom, in both buildings. So, they're
14	comparable and he provided me with data to
15	support that.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any
17	other questions?
18	MS. EDWARDS: I have no other
19	questions.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes?
21	MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I have questions.
22	CROSS-EXAMINATION
23	MS. YOHANNES: So, I just want to be
24	clear. Is it your testimony that the flashing
25	sign that you referred to, that that is still

1	flashing at this moment? Or that it's still
2	flashing as of the last time you
3	MS. JEFFERSON: It was flashing as of
4	September 14, 2019 when I took the video. I
5	can't say what it's doing now. I'm here.
6	MS. YOHANNES: And that's your
7	testimony.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: That is my testimony.
9	MS. YOHANNES: So, regarding the condo
10	building that you were just referring to, were
11	they vacant before was it vacant before
12	Champion came in?
13	MS. JEFFERSON: They had been
14	renovated. So, it used to be an apartment
15	building and the owner decided to make them a
16	condo building. So, they were listed for sale
17	and had been listed and been on the market for at
18	least more than two, maybe three, months.
19	MS. YOHANNES: At that time. So, it
20	was vacant.
21	MS. JEFFERSON: It was vacant when?
22	MS. YOHANNES: Before Champion.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Before Champion? Yes,
24	because they did a BZA application to change it
25	because they had to add I think they wanted to

1	add another unit and the zoning required like
2	some adjustments with parking, or whatever BZA
3	does. And that's a public document and a public
4	record.
5	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. That's all I
6	have.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
8	by any of Board members? Hearing none, Ms.
9	Jefferson, thank you for your testimony.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can step
12	down. Does the Protestant rest, being that you
13	have no other witnesses?
14	MS. JEFFERSON: No other witnesses.
15	Thank you. Thank you for your time and your
16	patience. We really appreciate it.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: My goal is to
18	work with the community. If the community
19	decides that they want to protest an
20	establishment, then I will give them the time
21	that it's due to give them time to be here. And
22	so, that's my motto. I try.
23	I said that we have some time
24	limitations, but I will not cut you off. I'll
25	give you some flexibility on the time. So,

you're rested, right? Are there any additional 1 2 documents that you need to move into evidence? 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what are 4 5 the documents that you're trying to move into evidence? 6 7 MS. JEFFERSON: Number 4, which was 8 the restaurant business plan. 9 (Whereupon, the above-referred-to document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 4 for 10 11 identification.) 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objection to Exhibit 4? 13 I don't think that was 14 MS. YOHANNES: 15 ever really authenticated. I think there are 16 parts in there that the -- I think Eyob said he 17 did not know what that was -- what that document I don't think it was ever authenticated. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You had an 20 opportunity -- you had an opportunity to 21 cross-examine. So, we had testimony and an 22 opportunity to cross-examine to get on the -- to 23 authenticate from your client, so I'm going to 24 allow Exhibit 4.

(Whereupon, the above-referred-to

1	document was received into evidence as Protestant
2	Exhibit 4.)
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other
4	exhibit?
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 7, only purely
6	because it's a legible form. It's not executed,
7	but it at least as the text of
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is Exhibit
9	7?
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 7 is clean,
11	unexecuted copy of the settlement agreement.
12	Because the one that's attached to the Board
13	order is fuzzy. You can't read it very well.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I'll
15	
16	MS. YOHANNES: That was never I'm
17	sorry.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We have had
19	testimony about the settlement agreement and the
20	document is also the settlement agreement,
21	that's an ABRA document also. So, I wouldn't see
22	any reason
23	MS. YOHANNES: This is not the
24	settlement agreement that's signed. This is a
25	draft settlement agreement. There's no date on

1	here, there's no signature on here. I haven't
2	compared it with the settlement agreement.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, you're
4	saying that's not
5	MS. YOHANNES: I don't know if it is.
6	I haven't I don't know if this was introduced.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We had
8	testimony on the settlement
9	(Simultaneous speaking.)
10	MS. YOHANNES: There's testimony on
11	the actual settlement agreement.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
13	MS. YOHANNES: But not on this one.
14	Not on this exhibit.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So
16	MS. YOHANNES: This exhibit's not the
17	settlement agreement.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: I actually asked that
19	your investigator to read it. And for him to
20	
21	(Simultaneous speaking.)
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
23	there are no signatures on the document. So
24	therefore, since there are no signatures on the
25	document, I'm not going to allow it into

1	evidence. What other document?
2	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 20, with the
3	exception of Exhibit PE4. I think we
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We have already
5	I thought that that was already moved into
6	evidence, Exhibit 20, with the exception of PE4.
7	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 21.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Exhibit
9	21?
10	MS. JEFFERSON: The Declaration of
11	Carl Bergman with his embedded photos.
12	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
13	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 21 for
14	identification.)
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your
16	position regarding Exhibit 21?
17	MS. YOHANNES: Oh, I okay, sorry.
18	I think I want to object to the commentary. I'm
19	sorry for the with my exhibit. So my
20	objection is the commentary on whatever photos
21	are attached to that.
22	I notice there's a statement and
23	there's a bunch of photos and we don't know
24	none of that was really authenticated. I don't
25	know where that really came from.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: I presented it to the
2	witness and had an opportunity to cross-examine
3	it.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, I'll
5	allow the declaration itself. I don't know what
6	these pictures are. They weren't authenticated.
7	So, I will allow just the cover, which is the
8	declaration itself, but not the attachments. So,
9	it's just the one page.
10	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. Chair, I did
11	ask him about the picture on the back that says,
12	We Champion Bar. I did ask them specifically
13	about that and he read that aloud.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't recall
15	that
16	(Simultaneous speaking.)
17	MS. JEFFERSON: with that picture
18	on the bottom
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We did?
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, we did.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, what
22	is all right. So, what are the
23	MS. JEFFERSON: I think it's just
24	three pages. The declaration is how many pages?
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's more than

1	several pages. All right, so
2	MS. JEFFERSON: His was only let's
3	see.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know
5	what okay, fine. So, page 1 is page 2. I
6	don't recall the rest of the
7	MS. JEFFERSON: I didn't well, the
8	text is his statement. And I did ask him, but
9	that's fine.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll admit the
11	first two pages. Okay? The declaration itself,
12	and then the second page that has number 3 on it.
13	So, I'll admit those documents.
14	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
15	document was received into evidence as Protestant
16	Exhibit 21.)
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other
18	documents?
19	MS. YOHANNES: Wait. I'm sorry, I
20	just want to be clear. So, these were
21	authenticated? Like we know where they came
22	from? I don't know where they came
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We had
24	testimony on
25	MS. YOHANNES: where they came

1	from.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're only
3	doing the cover page declaration and the page
4	that is behind it that has the We Champion Bar.
5	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There was
7	testimony
8	MS. YOHANNES: Okay. Okay.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I was
10	reminded by our Board member that we had
11	testimony on this document and so I'll allow
12	Exhibit 21, but just the cover page that says,
13	declaration, and the second page that has two
14	pictures on it and the bottom picture says, We
15	Champion Bar.
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you, sir.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other
18	document?
19	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 22, the
20	Department of Health Food Establishment. There
21	were three reports, June 20, 2019, July 24, 2019
22	and August 13, 2019. Mr. Bergman authenticated
23	and read them.
24	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
25	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 22 for

	identification.)
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, Exhibit
3	22. Any objection to Exhibit 22?
4	MS. YOHANNES: My objection would be
5	relevance, and that this is a hearing before the
6	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These
7	inspections, they're not relevant.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: They're relevant. Our
9	settlement agreement specifically mentions
10	Department of Health violations.
11	MS. YOHANNES: And this Board cannot
12	determine what a health what a DOH violation
13	is. And there hasn't been a determination
14	MS. JEFFERSON: There doesn't have to.
15	The document speaks for itself.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
17	going to introduce it into evidence. I'm sorry,
18	I'm going to and the reason why, because
19	during the Board's direct examination of its
20	witness, the witness testified about that he was
21	aware of violations by Department of Health.
22	We had testimony on it and it's on
23	this is a document that is so I'll admit this
24	document.
25	MS. YOHANNES: And to clarify, I don't

1	think he testified that there was DOH violations.
2	I think he testified that DOH may have came in
3	about the hookah. But I don't think
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He testified
5	that he was told there were three DOH violations,
6	but he did not know what they were. So, he
7	couldn't testify specifically what they were.
8	That was his testimony.
9	MS. YOHANNES: Okay.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And then, Mr.
11	Bergman testified specifically on the document.
12	So, I'll allow Exhibit 22.
13	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
14	document was received into evidence as Protestant
15	Exhibit 22.)
16	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 24 is the
17	photo of litter that was it's June 2, 2019.
18	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
19	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 24 for
20	identification.)
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you, Ms.
22	Jefferson, are the one who took this picture?
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. I testified to
24	that.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Ms.

1	Yohannes?
2	MS. YOHANNES: I'm just going to
3	object in terms of relevance, because how is this
4	relating to Champion? Is it because it's in
5	front of
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's a picture
7	that was taken by the witness of litter in front
8	of the establishment
9	MS. YOHANNES: Sure.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Champion, so
11	I'm going to allow that in.
12	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
13	document was received into evidence as Protestant
14	Exhibit 24.)
15	(Simultaneous speaking.)
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What other
17	document? What other document?
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Twenty-five, 26 and 27
19	are also litter that were taken by myself. My
20	testimony just talked about that. Twenty-five,
21	26 and 27.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You said 25
23	MS. JEFFERSON: Twenty-six and 27.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25	Twenty-six? Twenty-six is where? This is your

1	you said you testified? Is this your car, you
2	said, in 26?
3	MS. JEFFERSON: Is it a minivan?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, that
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And where's
7	this taken?
8	MS. JEFFERSON: That's in front of my
9	house on Kalmia.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how far is
11	your house from
12	MS. JEFFERSON: My house is the first
13	house on Kalmia.
14	PARTICIPANT: How far?
15	MS. JEFFERSON: How far? How many
16	yards?
17	PARTICIPANT: Yes.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How far is your
19	house from Champion?
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Probably under 400
21	feet. It is definitely.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'm not
23	quite sure how we can tie this litter in front of
24	your house to Champion. So, I'm not going to
25	allow that.

1	MS. JEFFERSON: So, which one are you
2	not allowing?
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Twenty-six.
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's 27?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Twenty-seven is in
7	front of Champion Kitchen. It's the knocked over
8	newspaper stand and the other litter.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The litter that
10	I see, that's not in front of Champion's Kitchen.
11	The litter that I see that I see some leaves.
12	Champion Kitchen is
13	PARTICIPANT: There's a knocked over
14	newsstand.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is not in
16	front of Champion there's another
17	establishment that the litter that you are and
18	most of the litter I see here looks like it's
19	debris from trees
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: that I'm not
22	quite sure how one could even attribute that to
23	Champion. So, I'm not going to this is not
24	relevant to this case because it's not in front
25	of this is not in front of this establishment

1	and I don't see how we can determine that this
2	litter is from Champion. Most of the litter that
3	I see here is leaves.
4	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, there was a bottle
5	and the can.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's one
7	there is
8	MS. JEFFERSON: That's okay. We can
9	
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see either a
11	soda or beer can and I see one bottled water. So
12	and there's no allegation.
13	MS. JEFFERSON: I'll withdraw that.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Number 35, DC Unified
16	911 calls, the FOIA request.
17	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
18	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 35 for
19	identification.)
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Ms.
21	Yohannes?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Jefferson?
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yohannes

1	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, I thought you said
2	
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yohannes.
4	MS. YOHANNES: I have no objection.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
6	MS. YOHANNES: I have no objection.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thirty-five is
8	admitted.
9	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
10	document was received into evidence as Protestant
11	Exhibit 35.)
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Number 42 was the
13	notice to cure that was sent. That was also in
14	an attachment that's in -
15	(Simultaneous speaking.)
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who sent
17	the notice to cure?
18	MS. JEFFERSON: I beg your pardon?
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who sent the
20	notice to cure?
21	MS. JEFFERSON: The Shepherd Park
22	Citizens Association did.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, so what
24	number is this?
25	Ms. JEFFERSON: Forty-two.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any objection? 2 MS. YOHANNES: So, I'm going to object 3 to parts of it. We heard evidence -- or we heard testimony that a letter was sent. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. MS. YOHANNES: But there's a whole lot 6 7 of attachments here. 8 MS. JEFFERSON: The attachments were 9 part of the letter. The letter references exhibits. 10 11 MS. YOHANNES: And none of which was 12 authenticated. All that was asked is, was a 13 letter sent. There's nothing about these 14 attachments in terms of what they are, where they 15 came from. 16 MS. JEFFERSON: It's part of the 17 administrative record that was sent with the --18 when Champion Kitchen sent a letter to request 19 the answers in occupancy. As long as the Board takes 20 21 administrative notice of it, that's fine. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, that's 23 a letter that was sent to your firm. I'll admit 24 it into evidence since this is -- this is a

letter, I've read the letter, the attachments

1	with letters and notice to cure that was sent to
2	your firm. So, I see no reason I'll admit.
3	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
4	document was received into evidence as Protestant
5	Exhibit 42.)
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Exhibit 43
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. I'm
8	going to admit Exhibit 42.
9	MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you, sir.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's Exhibit
11	43?
12	MS. JEFFERSON: That was the video of
13	the flashing sign that was referenced. There was
14	a difference incident that was referenced in
15	Exhibit 42, but that was from September 14, 2019.
16	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
17	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 43 for
18	identification.)
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Was this the
20	one that had the incorrect date?
21	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I'll
23	admit 43.
24	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
25	document was received into evidence as Protestant

1	Exhibit 43.)
2	MS. JEFFERSON: The next one is
3	Exhibit 46, which is the email that I sent to
4	Mark Patterson and Commissioner Stacey Lincoln.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Exhibit what?
6	MS. JEFFERSON: Forty-six.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll admit
8	Exhibit 46.
9	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
10	document was received into evidence as Protestant
11	Exhibit 46.)
12	MS. JEFFERSON: The next one is
13	Exhibit 50. That was the listing that was sent
14	to me from the realtor, that I referenced in my
15	testimony.
16	(Whereupon, the above-referred-to
17	document was marked as Protestant Exhibit 50 for
18	identification.)
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And this is
20	why is this relevant?
21	MS. JEFFERSON: It just shows that
22	it's having a negative impact on real estate
23	values, even though they're quite affordable.
24	That they've had to drop the prices, not raise
25	the prices, in a city with very expensive

housing. And a neighborhood with very expensive 1 2 3 (Simultaneous speaking.) MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. It shows 4 5 that Champion Kitchen has had a negative impact on real estate values in a city where affordable 6 7 housing is a crisis. They've had to continue to 8 lower the price, rather than people bidding it 9 up, compared to another property in the community 10 that had similarly-sized condos with square 11 footage where people bid up the prices. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your position, Ms. Yohannes? 13 14 MS. YOHANNES: She's already provided 15 testimony on it as if she's an expert. She's 16 providing this document. I don't know where this 17 document came from. MS. JEFFERSON: I said where it came 18 19 from. I testified. 20 MS. YOHANNES: I mean, there's nothing 21 -- this document wasn't used during your 22 testimony. It was referred to. I heard listing. 23 I don't think that there was proper validation, 24 authenticity, and relevance. Those are my 25 objections.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not going
to allow this document. It's just speculative.
I mean, from what I was told, the property was
vacant prior to Champion being at least that
was the testimony, it's been renovated.
I don't know why this particular
property has not been rented. And so, I think
it's too speculative to state that it's because
of Champion that the owner had to lower the
price. So, that's just speculative. So, I'm not
going to allow 50.
MS. JEFFERSON: That's it. Thank you,
sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
okay. All right.
MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, never mind. We
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MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, never mind. We already dealt with the video.  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.  MS. JEFFERSON: I'm sorry. I

Ms. Yohannes, that you have a rebuttal -- who's 1 the rebuttal witness? 2 3 MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Worku. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 5 MS. YOHANNES: Very, very, very short. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure. 6 Sure. 7 MS. YOHANNES: Go ahead. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're still 8 9 under oath, sir. I don't need to swear you in. You're still under oath from the first time that 10 11 I swore you in. So, what are the questions? 12 What are you rebutting? 13 WHEREUPON, 14 EYOB WORKU 15 was called for examination by Counsel for the 16 Applicant and, having been previously sworn, 17 assumed the witness stand, was re-examined and testified as follows. 18 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION 20 MS. YOHANNES: So, Mr. Worku, you 21 just heard testimony regarding the neon sign that 22 says, Champions. Can you tell me if that sign is 23 still there? 24 MR. WORKU: No. 25 MS. YOHANNES: Let me rephrase. Is it

1	still flashing? It's still there, but is it
2	still flashing?
3	MR. WORKU: Yeah, no. When I was told
4	that light's going to be on one lights, on times,
5	one times, but when I lose my remote controls,
6	the flash going to keep going, you know, change
7	it, change it. Then, hey, man, she complain
8	about we have settlement document, blink light.
9	This one is changing slowly. Then, I
LO	said, okay. I turn it off. I don't that's
L1	over a year the lights not on. We spend for
L <b>2</b>	\$3,000 but we turn off the light. We don't use
L3	it anymore. For a year we don't use it.
L <b>4</b>	MS. YOHANNES: Just to be clear, so
L5	when Naima Ms. Jefferson informed you that you
L6	were in violation, that you needed to turn those
L7	lights off, you turned those lights off. Right?
L8	MR. WORKU: Yeah, I did. Yep.
L9	MS. YOHANNES: No further questions.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Questions, Ms.
21	Jefferson?
22	MS. JEFFERSON: So, do you have a sign
23	on the roof of your building?
24	MR. WORKU: Say what?
25	MS. JEFFERSON: Do you have a sign on

1	the roof of your building?
2	MR. WORKU: Yes.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are we talking
4	about a sign on the roof? Are we we're
5	MR. WORKU: That's the one that
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir.
7	Are we talking about a sign, or are we talking
8	about this particular
9	MS. JEFFERSON: This particular sign.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
11	ask him you said, do you have a sign. I don't
12	know what sign you're talking about. So, you
13	should be talking about this particular sign.
14	This is what he's rebutting.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Is the sign still
16	this particular sign, still on the roof of your
17	building?
18	MR. WORKU: The one you show the
19	video?
20	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes.
21	MR. WORKU: Yes. But used to, that
22	signs edit. We change it to Champion. That used
23	to the edit sign, or the simplest for that
24	Champion right now. On both side they have it on
25	the roof. Used to have edits they have on the

1	roof.
2	MS. JEFFERSON: So, the sign that's on
3	the roof, what does it say?
4	MR. WORKU: Champion Kitchen.
5	MS. JEFFERSON: Does it ever
6	illuminate at night?
7	MR. WORKU: No.
8	MS. JEFFERSON: So, you never turn it
9	on.
10	MR. WORKU: I never turn I was turn
11	it on when I was at least for the first time.
12	Because of the neighbor issue, we turn it off.
13	That's it. That's why, you know, I working with
14	the community. Whenever they have issue, bring
15	it to me, whatever I spend for that thing, it's
16	not worth more than the community. That's why I
17	turn it off. That's it.
18	MS. JEFFERSON: Did you get a permit
19	for that sign?
20	MR. WORKU: Of course. The one I pay
21	him for to do it, you know, he have to put a
22	permit.
23	MS. JEFFERSON: And did you not notice
24	in the notice to cure that there's a listing from
25	DCRA that shows that there is no permit for that

1	sign?
2	MR. WORKU: I never see it.
3	MS. JEFFERSON: No further questions.
4	MR. WORKU: And that
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no
6	pending question, sir. Is there any question by
7	any Board members? Thank you very much for your
8	testimony, sir. You can step down. Is that it?
9	Is that it now?
10	MS. YOHANNES: Yes, that's it.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
12	right, does the Protestant wish to call a
13	rebuttal witness?
14	MS. JEFFERSON: No, the Protestants
15	rest.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you ready
17	to close, or do want a couple of minutes to
18	prepare for closing?
19	MS. YOHANNES: I need a couple of
20	minutes.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Five minutes.
22	It's 10:15. 10:20. We're off the record.
23	(Whereupon the above-entitled matter
24	went off the record at 10:15 p.m. and resumed at
25	10:25 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll have the Applicant's closing statement.

MS. YOHANNES: When we started this case, I asked what are we doing here? What's this case about? What are the real issues? And I think that it's clear that SPCA has failed to show that there are any issues with peace, order and quiet.

They failed to show that Champion Kitchen has a negative impact on the community. Specifically, they're requesting the establishment have limited hours and limited entertainment.

They haven't shown that there's any negative impacts because of these hours, or because of entertainment. What they have focused on is capacity and the type of establishment it is.

Their issue has been, as we've discussed back and forth throughout this hearing, what this case is not about. This is not a substantial change application. And it ought to be clear that Champion Kitchen understands what their capacity is.

They understand that it's 44. And, as

Mr. Worku testified to, he's willing to go back to the establishment -- and we don't concede that there is a substantial change violation about the seating. I want that to be clear as well.

However, without conceding to that, he's already testified that he'll remove the extra seats. He'll make it so it's 44 seats if that's the issue.

So, he has done everything he can to comply with what the community's been requesting. And at that, after these changes have been made, after everything he's done, I have still not heard any real issues about noise, any real issues about current complaints, complaints that have been occurring within the last year.

We've heard testimony from the owner and operator, Eyob Worku, who said that he has worked with this community, SPCA, as well as the ANC, for the past two years, despite things not going his way, and despite him not getting the increased capacity that he wants. He's still willing to work with the community.

He understands the value and the importance of the community and he's still willing to do that.

We've heard testimony from Thurman 1 Baker, who has testified and said he lives in the 2 3 And not only does he live in the area, he works in the area. 4 5 He's a patron at Champion Kitchen. He goes there quite often. He goes there for 6 7 birthdays, celebrations, and he testified 8 regarding the environment. 9 And one thing that he did say and he was clear about, is that noise cannot be heard 10 11 outside of the establishment. 12 There is no noise outside of the 13 premises. And if that's the case, these 14 allegations of noise complaints, without it being 15 validated, without proof that there is actual 16 noise being heard, is without any merit. 17 And they have not established that 18 there is a negative impact on peace order 19 requirement. 20 You also heard testimony from the 21 security -- the fee of the security company, who 22 testified that has a lot of experience in this 23 area. 24 Not only does he have a lot of

experience as an owner of a security

establishment or -- I'm sorry, a security company, he knows Eyob and he's worked with Eyob for a while, and that Eyob is by the book. That he wants to be in compliance, that that's what he's been working towards.

And he testified that there's two security personnel in the establishment, meaning two security personnel and two RDLs on weekends. That's four security officers or personnel for 44 people.

And it's not because this establishment has issues with crime or has issues with violence, or there are any fights. Because he's testified that there haven't been any. If anything, there may have been one.

And the may-have-been-one was a reference to homeless individuals that are outside that were not patrons in the establishment.

And, when asked why is he doing this, why do you have four security personnel, the answer is, I'm trying to alleviate and mitigate all these issues with the community. I want the community to understand that I'm taking all the measures necessary to try to be safe.

If they're saying that they hear noise outside, if they're saying that my patrons are leaving my establishment and they're causing them issues, I want to make sure that there are people out there that are watching it. And so that's what he's done.

You've heard testimony from the security officer that said that noise can't be heard. So, we have two witnesses that testified -- and three including Eyob himself -- that there's no noise that's coming from the establishment.

And Protestants have testified that there were some noise complaints. And I want the record to be clear that these noise complaints that have been referred to are noise complaints that occurred prior to the mitigation, prior to Eyob spending \$30,000 to put in the sound mitigation on the walls.

After he did that, there were no noise complaints. No noise complaints came to him,

ABRA didn't find any violations or any noise complaints, either.

The investigator testified that he visited the establishment, I believe he said

seven times. That the establishment was visited 1 2 17 times by ABRA investigators between August 17, 3 2019 and September 24, 2019. Seventeen times, that approximately 4 5 what, every other day? And still, there is no excessive noise violations, no issues with peace, 6 7 order and quiet, no trash issues, no crowds 8 outside the establishment, no criminal activity. 9 So, that being said, I'm going to request that the Board take all this into 10 11 consideration, and that you make the 12 determination that Protestants have not shown 13 that this establishment has a negative impact on 14 peace, order and quiet, and as I requested in the 15 beginning, I'm going to request that you approve 16 the renewal application, a renewal of his 17 license, without any additional restrictions. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is doing 19 the closing? 20 MS. JEFFERSON: I am. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are, Ms. 22 Jefferson? Yes, sir. Thank you. 23 MS. JEFFERSON: 24 Good evening. Thank you, Chair, first Sorry. 25 and foremost, for helping walk us through this

and understanding this process. This is new for us. We appreciate the graciousness that you have shown us this evening, as this is our first protest hearing that we have participated in.

As I mentioned in my opening statement, we, in good faith, entered into a settlement agreement with the Applicant. This is not a situation where a small group of people are protesting an application.

This is a situation where an organization that represents over 1,800 households and businesses has voted to protest the renewal of this application.

I think the record is clear that
Champion Kitchen has had an adverse impact on our
community. What's more important is that the
record is clear that in our settlement agreement,
which the Applicant signed and agreed to and
which is part of the license, we asked for very
basic things.

We asked that the nature of the business be a restaurant and that it has coffee. I don't think we even saw coffee in any picture. In fact, that's in one part of our settlement agreement.

I'm not even going to go into the argument about patrons and occupancy. I'll leave that alone.

The Applicant himself talked about extending the hours of operations. He talked about on several times where food -- I'm sorry, where alcohol was served later than food.

The noise that we spoke of, the allegations is the rowdiness of the crowds that emanate from the establishment. And we showed evidence about the rowdiness of those crowds.

He also testified himself to parking in the neighborhood in an area where there's very limited parking in and of itself. That exacerbates a problem when you have people parking in the few residential spots that people have.

And I think he testified that it was better that he did it than a patron, which still takes away a parking space from a resident.

We showed evidence about the trash and litter, and it's supposed to be around the public space around the establishment. We also showed, and the Board's witness mentioned, about violations of other laws.

That is specifically mentioned within our settlement agreement. It specifically mentions laws and regulations related to ABRA itself, the District, DCRA, Department of Health, Department of Public Works, and other applicable Agency regulations and orders regarding the conduct of the business, the ownership of the license, and all other provisions applicable to liquor license, and that the outdoor signage would only be illuminated during operating hours, and that there would not be any blinking lighting or strobing features, which we showed evidence about that.

We have worked diligently with the Applicant. And each time we have felt that our concerns have fallen on deaf ears, similar to the Department of Health's experience.

So, therefore, as I mentioned in our opening statement, the Shepherd Park Citizens

Association requests that the license not be -that the application for renewal be denied, and that the license be revoked.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it?

MS. JEFFERSON: Well, we also said in the alternative, if the Board --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, what is it?

MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, I'm sorry. I said
that in my opening statement. I apologize.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, when you're closing, your wrapping up the case and you're telling me what was proved and what it is you want the Board to do.

MS. JEFFERSON: In the alternative, we ask that the Board has Champion Kitchen's books and records audited to make sure that they're adhering to their food sales requirements.

We also ask that you reduce the establishment operating hours such that the establishment closes at 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and at midnight on Friday and Saturday.

This is similar to other licensees in the immediate area. And we also talked about the certificate of occupancy, that it come into line so that there's not this conflict if the Board does find that there is this substantial change, as noted in the investigator's report, because it will always be a conflict and it will always be a substantial change if there's more seats.

And that the Applicant's entertainment endorsement be revoked, and that the nightclub

activities be prohibited, as well as the use of a 1 2 cover charge in any circumstance. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it? MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, sir. Thank you 4 5 very much for your time, all of you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 6 The 7 record is now closed. Do the parties wish to 8 file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of 9 law, or waive their right to do so, meaning that 10 do you want to propose findings of fact and 11 conclusions of law? Again, this is not providing 12 new information. It's stating that these are the 13 facts that were proven --14 MS. JEFFERSON: Yes. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- these are 16 conclusions of law. Or you want to waive your 17 right to do so? MS. JEFFERSON: We would like to file 18 19 it. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You'd like to 21 file it? All right. All right. So, if the 22 parties choose to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, then 90 days from when 23 24 the Board receives proposed findings of facts and conclusions of law, so this gives the Board 25

within 30 days after receipt of the transcript. 1 2 You should receive the transcript in 3 approximately three weeks. If you change your mind to say that you're not going to do this, 4 then please inform the Board. 5 But again, remember this is not new 6 7 information. You cannot bring in new information. 8 It's only based on the testimony that was raised 9 Okay? All right. today. 10 MS. JEFFERSON: Chair? I'm sorry. For clarification, is it 30 days from today, or 11 12 30 days from the three weeks? 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: it's 30 days 14 from the three weeks. 15 Okay, thank you. MS. JEFFERSON: 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You should get the -- we will email both parties the transcript, 17 18 which should take probably about three weeks. 19 MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And once you 21 receive the transcript, the Board will allow --22 once the transcript is provided to you, you will be told the date. But it'll be 30 days from when 23 24 you receive the transcript.

And then, we will issue a decision

within 90 days after that. So, therefore, it should take the Board -- it probably won't take 120 days for us to issue a decision. But think about that no later than 120 days from once you submit -- you know, no later than 120 days from three weeks after you receive the transcript, you should receive a decision.

MS. YOHANNES: Apologies, Chairman.

Did you say 120 days?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I said it's 90 days. However -- I'm saying from today. It's 90 days from the 30 days, we'll issue a decision. Meaning that you'll get the transcript within three weeks.

You'll have 30 days from once you receive the transcript to provide your proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. And within 90 days after that, the Board will issue its decision. You're still -- are you clear or you're -- say, for example, if there was no --

MS. YOHANNES: No, I understand what you're saying. Sorry, apologies. I understand what you're saying. I thought the 90 days included that time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah. So, I

stand corrected. You'll get the transcript in about two to three weeks. You have 30 days from there.

And within 90 days we'll issue a decision. But we'll try to make sure the decision is issued prior to that. But that's the rough deadline that you're on. Okay? All right.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
Beverage and Control Board for the District of
Columbia, in accordance with DC Official Code
Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move
that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the
purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel
on case number 19-PRO-00051, Champion Kitchen,
pursuant to DC Official Code Section 2574(b) of
the Open Meetings Act, and deliberating upon case
number 19-PRO-00051, Champion Kitchen, for the
reasons cited in DC Official Code Section
2574(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act. Is there a
second?

MEMBER CATO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote before us now that the motion has been seconded. Ms. Crockett?

1	MS. CROCKETT: Agreed.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
3	MEMBER CATO: I agree.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?
5	MEMBER SHORT: I agree.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah?
7	MEMBER WAHABZADAH: I agree.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I
9	agree. As it appears that the motion has passed,
10	I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will
11	recess these proceedings to hold a closed meeting
12	in the ABC Board conference room pursuant to
13	Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act.
14	I want to thank the parties for their
15	presentation today. Hopefully, I didn't bore you
16	too much.
17	Thank you for being here. I know it's
18	been a long day and we'll be here for a little
19	while, while you pack and go home.
20	But thank you very much for your
21	presentation.
22	MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you. I thank
23	all of you.
24	(Whereupon the above-entitled matter
25	went off the record at 10:45 p.m.)

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