

IN THE MATTER OF:	:
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Deset Ethiopian	:
Restaurant, LLC,	:
t/a Deset Ethiopian	:
Restaurant	:
6128 Georgia Avenue NW	: Protest
Retailer CR- ANC 4A	: Hearing (Status)
License No. 98818	:
Case #19-PRO-00110	:
	:
(Application to Renew	:
the License)	:

Wednesday
November 20, 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
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

CANDACE TIANA NELSON, PROTESTANT, ANC 4A
DEAN HUNTER, COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT
DESTA ARAYA, APPLICANT

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

9:50 a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. The next case on our calendar is Case Number 19-PRO-00110, Deset Ethiopian Restaurant, License Number 98818. Would the parties please approach and identify themselves for the record, please?

MR. HUNTER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Dean Hunter on behalf of Deset Ethiopian Restaurant, with the owner of the establishment here, Mr. Araya.

CHAIR ANDERSON: What's his first name, please?

MR. HUNTER: Spell your first name.

MR. ARAYA: A-R-A-Y-A.

CHAIR ANDERSON: No, what's your whole name? I'm just saying, just for the record.

MR. ARAYA: Desta, D-E-S-T-A, my last name is Araya, A-R-A-Y-A.

CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr. Araya. Good morning, Mr. Hunter. Yes, ma'am, you are?

MS. NELSON: Good morning, I am Candace Tiana Nelson, representing the 4A Commission, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A. I'm the

1 Commissioner for Single Member District 4A06 --

2 CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning.

3 MS. NELSON: -- where the restaurant
4 is.

5 CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning.

6 MS. NELSON: Good morning.

7 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Are there
8 any preliminary matters in this case that needs
9 to be addressed?

10 MR. HUNTER: No, Mr. Chairman. We
11 made, I think, substantial progress in mediation,
12 and believe that if we set the date, that we will
13 be able to meet prior to the hearing date and
14 resolve this matter.

15 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. This
16 matter, then, is scheduled for protest hearing on
17 January 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Do I need to
18 provide the instructions or do you guys
19 understand the process of a protest hearing?

20 MS. NELSON: Are they the instructions
21 you just provided to --

22 CHAIR ANDERSON: Right.

23 MS. NELSON: -- the prior group?

24 CHAIR ANDERSON: Right, the
25 instructions I just provided. And the one thing

1 I remind everyone, seven days before the hearing,
2 if the matter is not settled, seven days before
3 the hearing, you're supposed to exchange
4 documents and witnesses with both sides and with
5 the Agency.

6 And just as a -- if you need some
7 guidance in the process, please contact Ms. April
8 Randall at 202-442-4353 and she will provide both
9 sides with any assistance they made in making
10 sure that the documents are provided, are
11 exchanged to both sides and also provided to the
12 Board.

13 I wish you both good luck in continued
14 talk. I have always told parties, I never take
15 it personally if you don't come back for a
16 hearing. It tells me that you have worked it
17 out. But if not, I will see you in the new year.

18 MS. NELSON: Yes, things have been much
19 better since they've brought Mr. Hunter on board,
20 communications have opened up. So, it is the
21 ANC's hope that we will be able to get a
22 settlement agreement in place prior to the 15th.

23 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you, and good
24 luck. Good luck in your negotiations.

25 MR. HUNTER: Thank you.

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MS. NELSON: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
went off the record at 9:53 a.m.)

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